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禁断の地へと再び足を踏み入れたジン。
そこは、二年前、アマギから
衝撃の事実を知らされた場所だった。
かつて、研究所の奥底で
行われていた恐るべき出来事とは？
プレイヤーの謎、そして
ジン誕生の秘密が、今明かされる…!!

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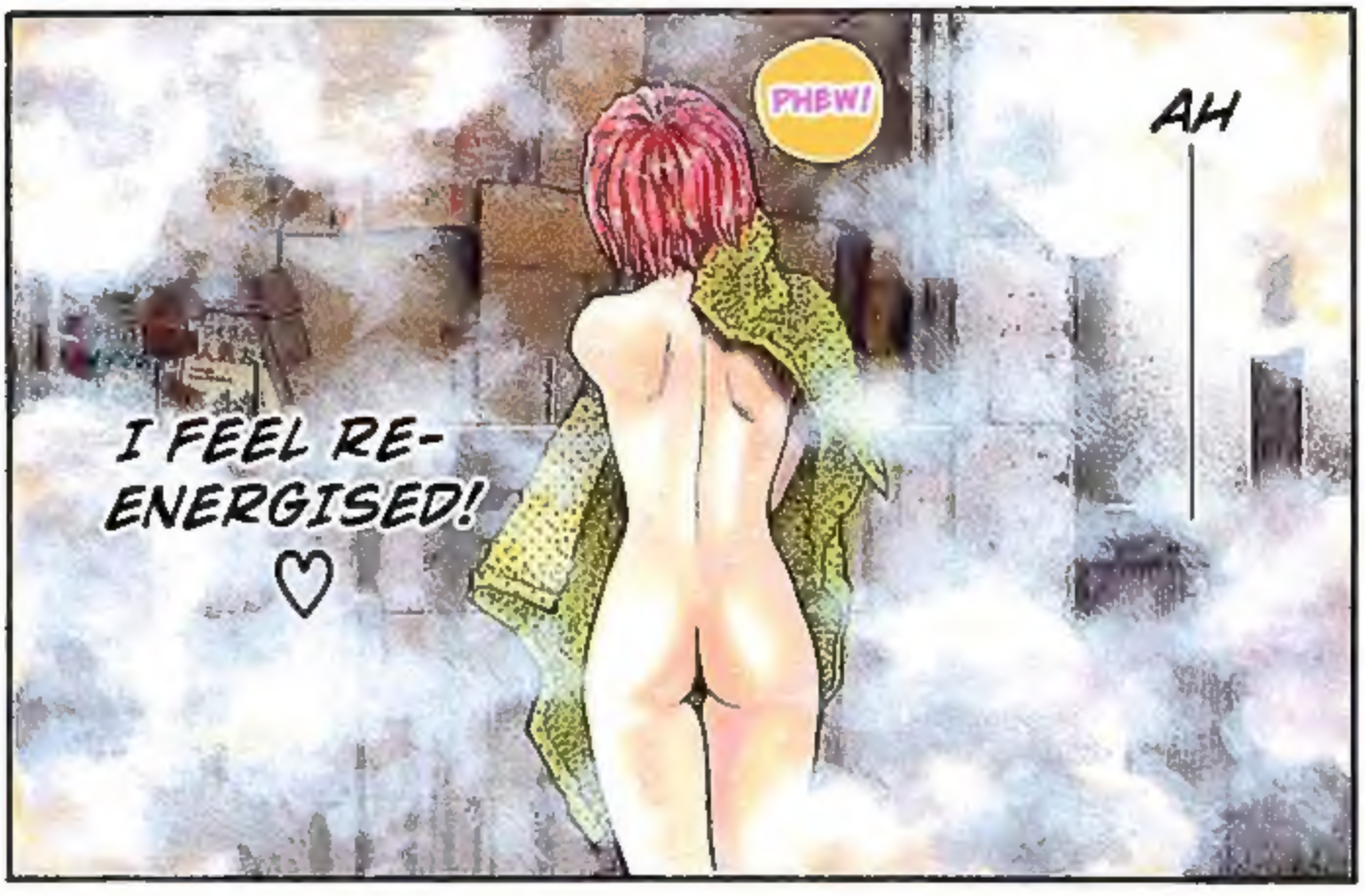
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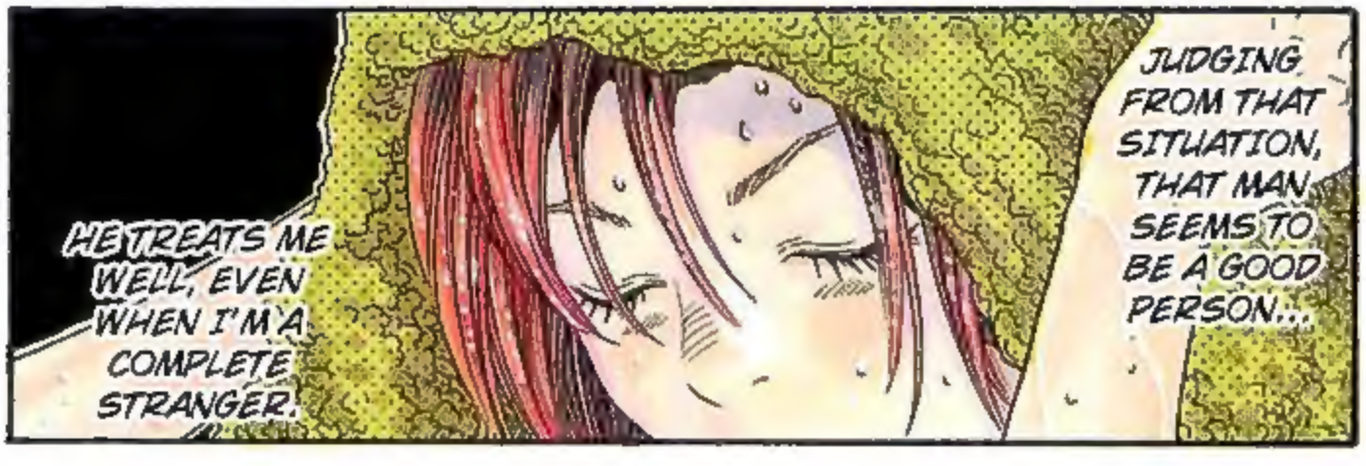
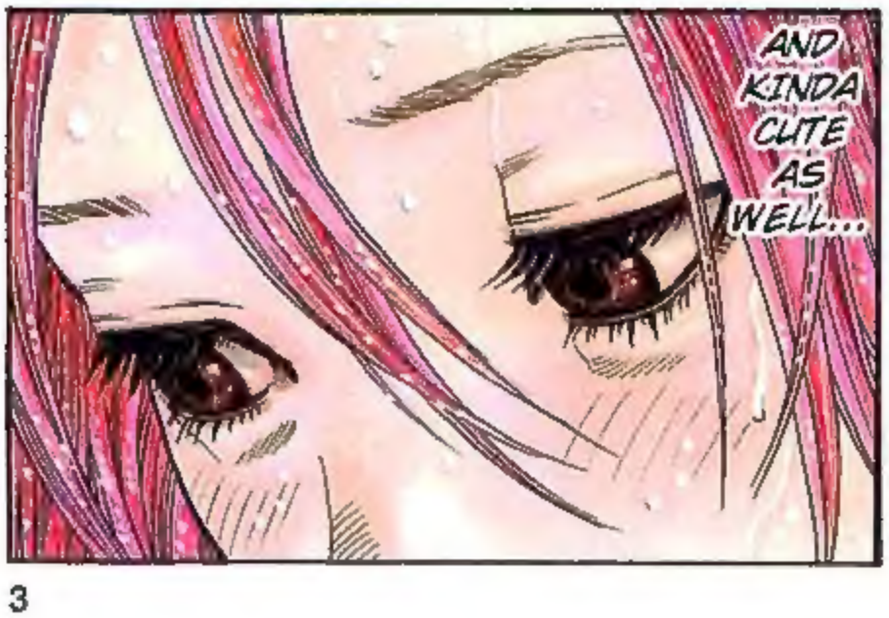
AH
I FEEL RE-ENERGISED!


HE TREATS ME WELL, EVEN WHEN I'M A COMPLETE STRANGER.
JUDGING FROM THAT SITUATION, THAT MAN SEEMS TO BE A GOOD PERSON...


AND KINDA CUTE AS WELL...

HE'S ALSO UNBELIEV-ABLY STRONG...

DAMN, THIS IS BAD! WHAT AM I GETTING ALL WORKED UP ABOUT!!
ぴちょん
!
くしゃくしゃくしゃくしゃ
EVERY-WHERE I LOOK THINGS LOOK HALF-BUILT...
THIS IS SUCH A WEIRD HOUSE...
WHY IS HE STAYING AT A PLACE LIKE THIS?
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...
ちらっ
はら
I JUST TOOK A QUICK GLANCE AT THE TOILET BOWL,
IT'S A LUXURIOUS SHOWER TOILET...
ALL OF THESE AP-PLIANCES SEEM TO BE HIGH CLASS EQUIP-MENT...
THERE'S WATER FLOWING, THE GAS CAN BE USED, AND THERE'S EVEN ELEC-TRICITY!

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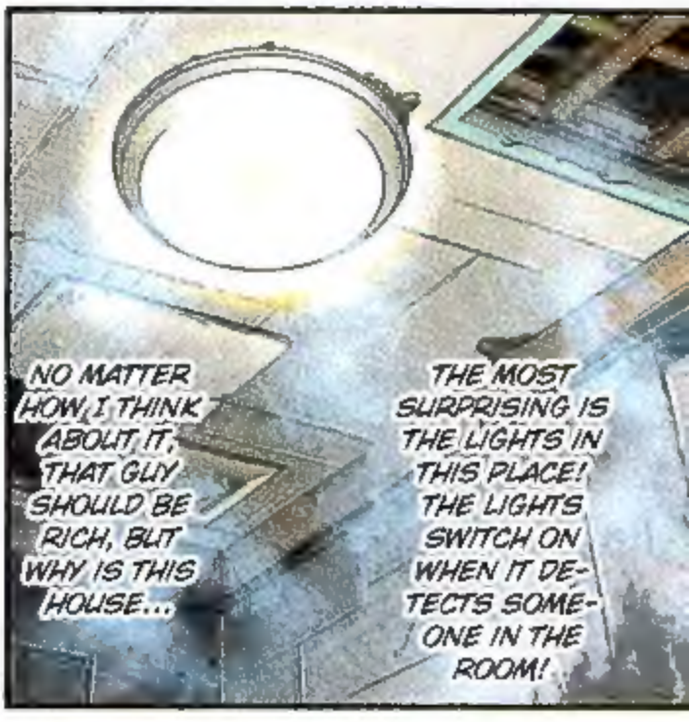

NO MATTER HOW I THINK ABOUT IT, THAT GUY SHOULD BE RICH, BUT WHY IS THIS HOUSE...
THE MOST SURPRISING IS THE LIGHTS IN THIS PLACE! THE LIGHTS SWITCH ON WHEN IT DETECTS SOMEONE IN THE ROOM!

HEY, HAVE YOU FINISHED SHOWERING YET?

SURE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!
Y-YES!

A...
ALSO,
CAN YOU PUT MY BAG OVER BY THE ENTRANCE FOR ME?

WHEW
...

ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF.

第71話

(FAINT AFFECTION)

I ALREADY SAID BEFORE... I'M NOT INTERESTED IN A KID'S NAKED BODY.

SO DON'T WORRY, I WONT PEEK.

WHO WILL PEEK AT A PLACE LIKE THIS FROM OUTSIDE!

THIS IS FOR YOUR OWN GOOD.

EVERY-THING CAN BE SEEN FROM THE OUT-SIDE.

IF I DONT SEAL THIS UP FAST.

AH... MAYBE 17.

W...WHO ARE YOU CALLING A KID HERE?! HOW OLD ARE YOU THEN!!

!

OH...IT'S BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE TOO MUCH GENERAL KNOWLEDGE, I THOUGHT YOU WERE STILL A PRIMARY-SCHOOLER.

BUT ANYWAY, WE ARE THE SAME AGE!

'MAYBE'? YOU SAY 'MAYBE' ABOUT YOUR OWN AGE?!

OH!

KEEPS SUR-PRISING ME...

DAMN IT...

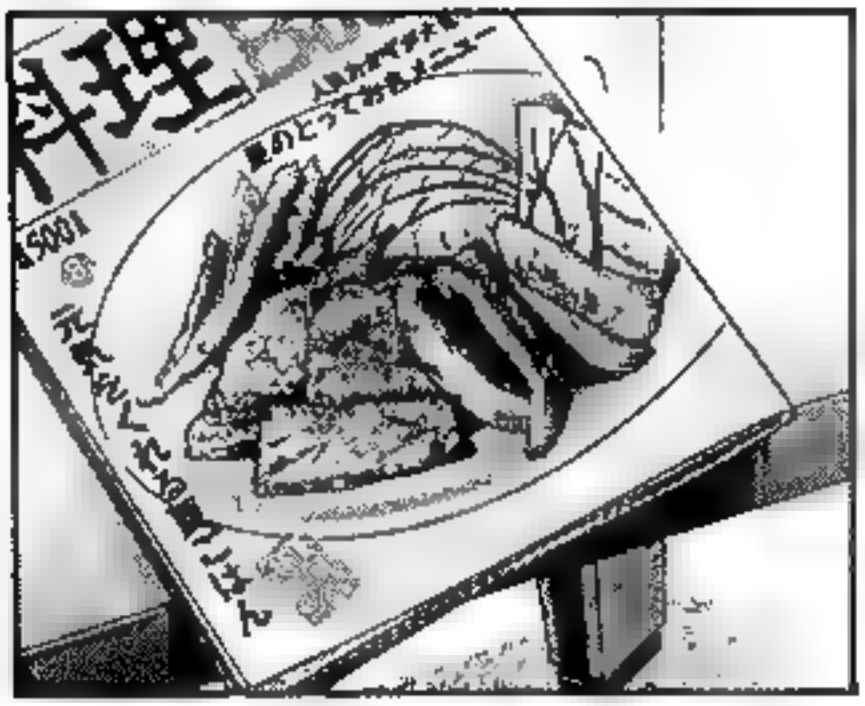
THERE'S SENSOR LIGHTS HERE AS WELL!

I DON'T LOOK ANY-THING LIKE A PRIMARY SCHOOLER!

AND THE NERVE TO SAY THAT I DON'T HAVE ANY BASIC KNOWL-EDGE...

HE'S GOTTA BE SOME RICH GUY LOADED WITH CASH...

WOW... THIS PLACE SURE IS FILLED WITH VERY HIGH CLASS STUFF...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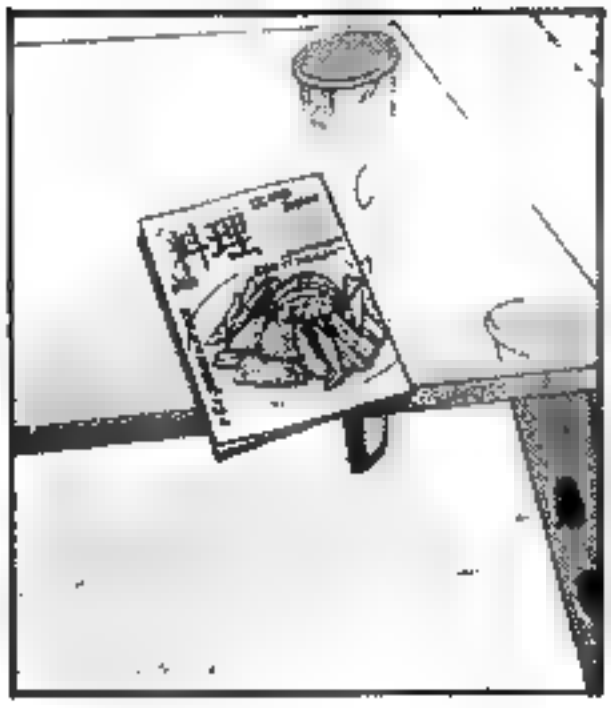
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MOST OF THEM ARE POPULAR DISHES? THEY REALLY DO LOOK DELI-CIOUS...
THESE ARE ALL COOKING MAGAZINES...

I'LL SLEEP HERE.

OWA?
I'LL LET YOU SLEEP ON THE BED JUST THIS ONCE.

THIS ROOM'S CARPETED, SO THE BED'S NOT REALLY...

IF YOU LET ME STAY THE NIGHT, I CAN SLEEP ANY-WHERE...

ARE YOU SURE?

I FEEL MORE AT EASE HERE.

中華料理 人気ごはん

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

カチ

PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SLEEP ON ANY-THING BUT A BED, EH?

PLUS, A LITTLE LADY LIKE YOU,

鍵

I HON-ESTLY DON'T KNOW IF HE'S BEING NICE OR NOT...

LITTLE LADY MY ASS! WHY DID HE HAVE TO PUT IT LIKE THAT FOR!!

YOU'RE PRETTY INTEREST-ING.

HMPH.

FINE THEN, I'LL DO AS YOU SAY!!

A GIRL.

HUH?

中華料理人気ナンバー

THERE'S A STRANGER IN JIN'S ROOM!

AND IT'S A GIRL!

HEY!

I WANNA EAT JIN'S COOKING!

TODAY'S THE DAY YOU'RE SUPPOSED GIVE HAND-OUTS TO THE HOMELESS, HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?

JIN! WHERE DID YOU GO SINCE YESTER-DAY?

SORRY, SORRY, I'LL GET RIGHT ON IT NOW.

JIN'S BEEN A BIG HELP TO US, SO DON'T BE CAUSING ANY MORE FUSS, YA HEAR!!

HEY NOW!! IF YOU'RE ALL ABOUT THE EMERGENCY RATIONS THING, HE ALREADY PROMISED, DIDN'T HE!!

AH AH AH?

THEN... MAKE IT TOMORROW... MAKE THE TASTY KIND!

THEN, IS THAT GUY ALSO HOMELESS? HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE... I'M REALLY CONFUSED...

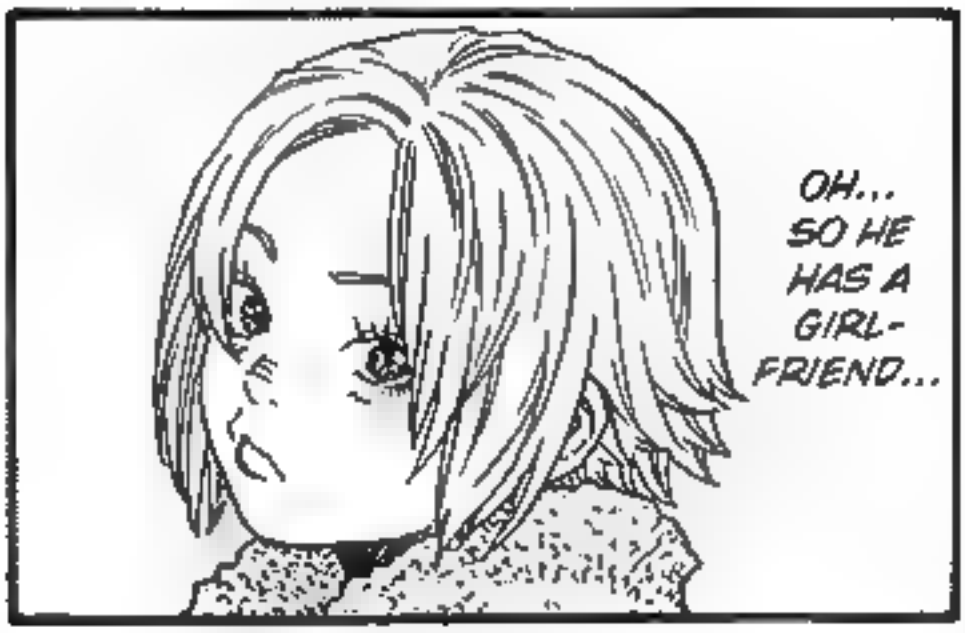
KU... EVERY-ONE'S LOOKING AT ME...

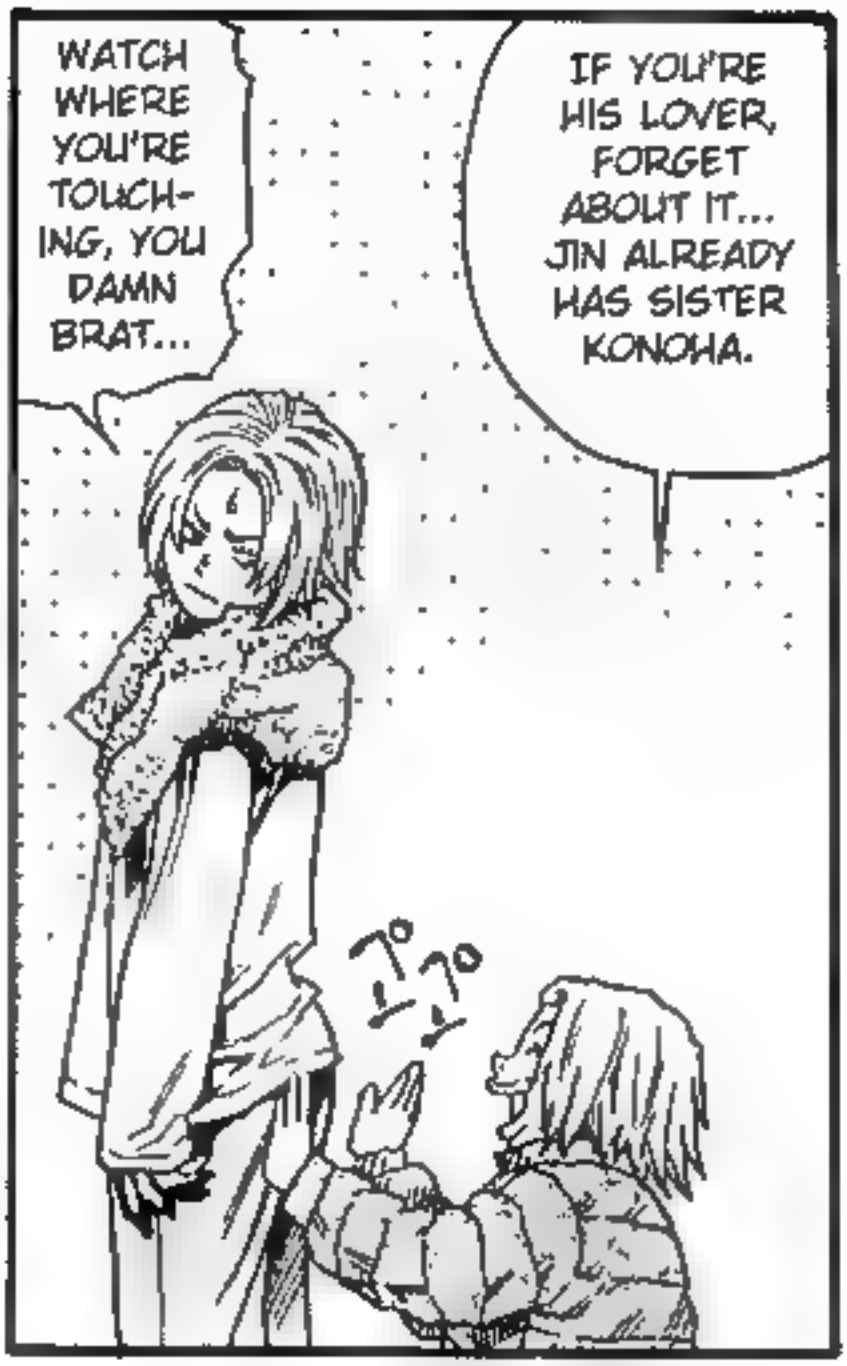
THIS PLACE HERE...! LIVING WITH SUCH A GROUP OF PEOPLE...! IS EVERYONE... HOMELESS?

NO... NO WAY!

HAH?

HEY, WHO ARE YOU TO JIN? ARE YOU HIS LOVER?


OH... SO HE HAS A GIRL-FRIEND...


WATCH WHERE YOU'RE TOUCH-ING, YOU DAMN BRAT...
IF YOU'RE HIS LOVER, FORGET ABOUT IT... JIN ALREADY HAS SISTER KONOHA.
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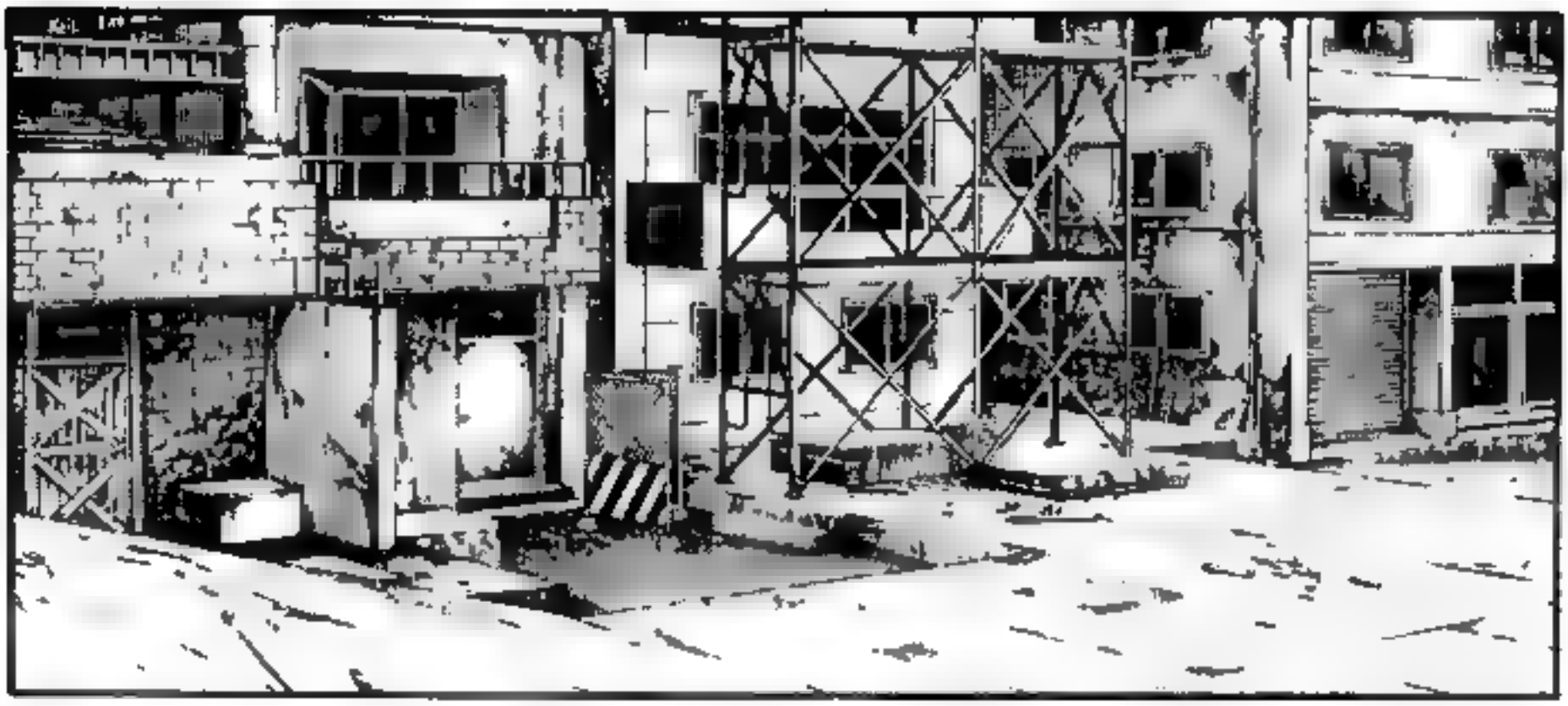
AH, GOOD EVENING.

YO.



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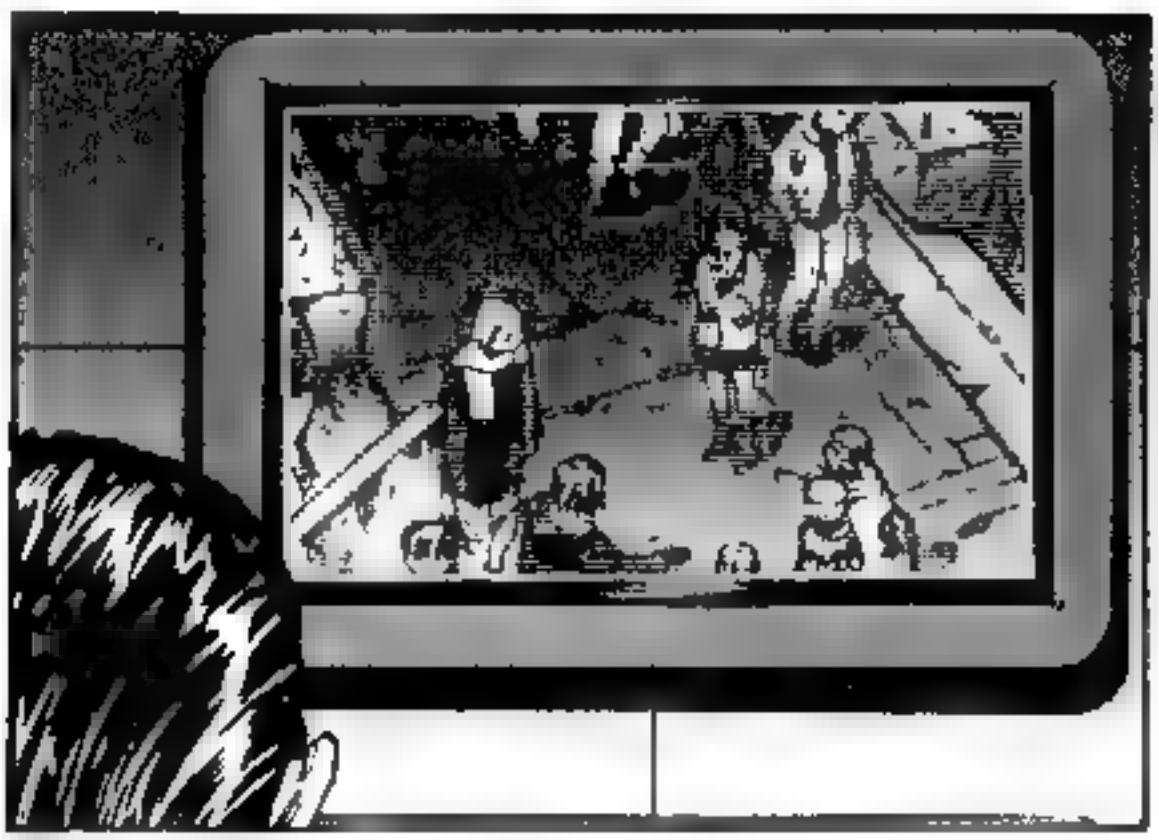
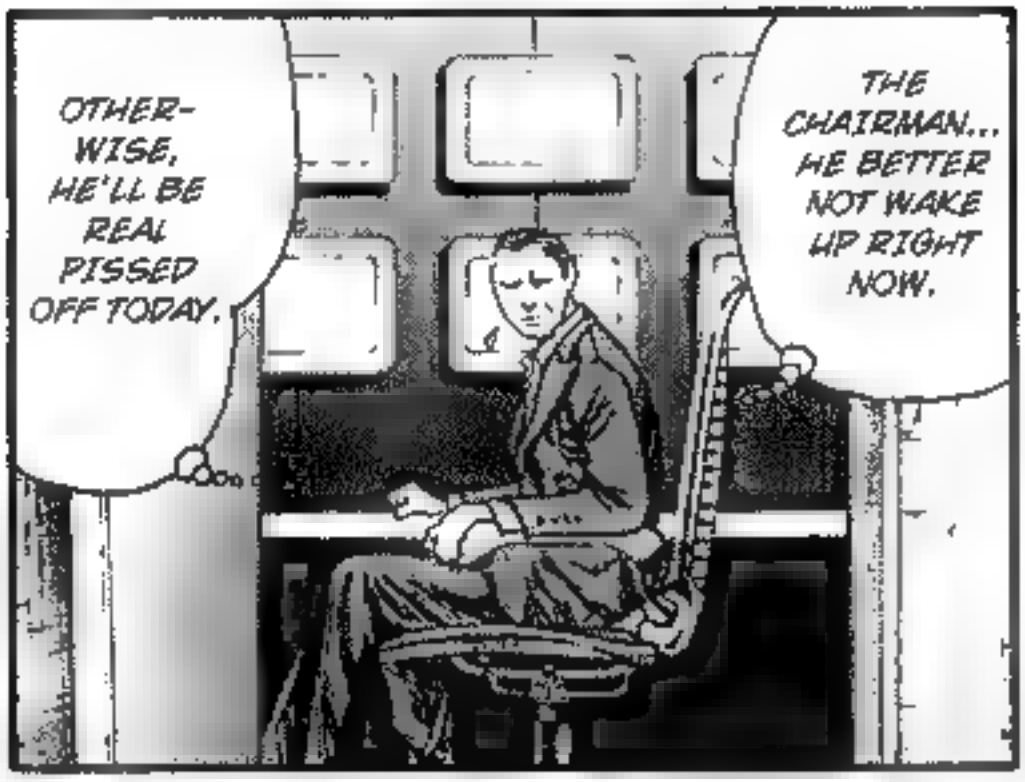
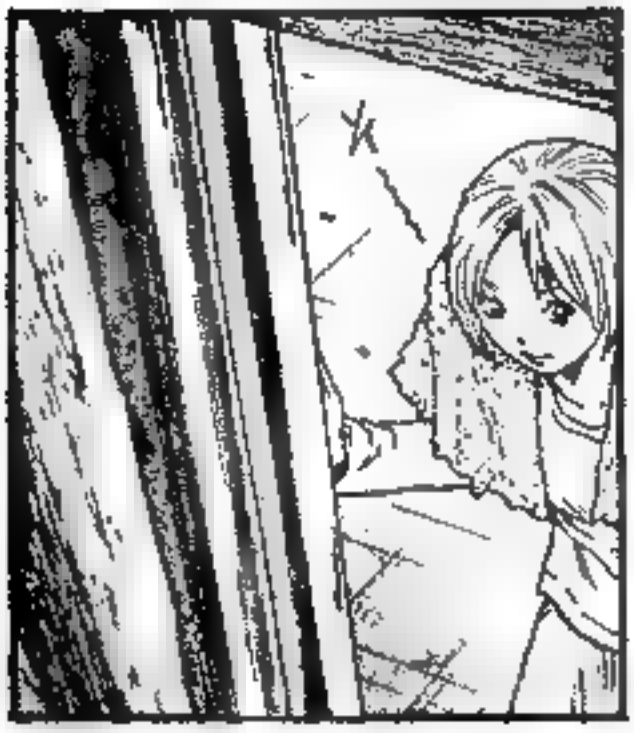
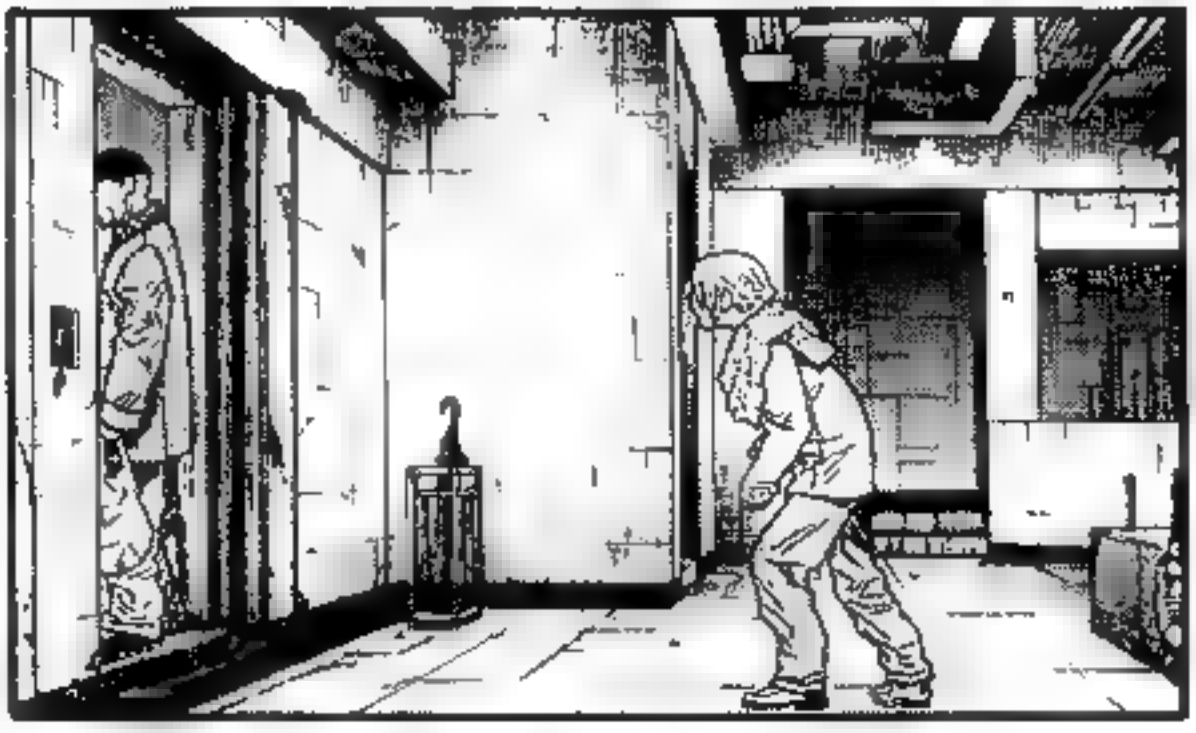


EVERYONE MUST LIKE JIN-SAN ALOT!


OTHER-WISE, HE'LL BE REAL PISSED OFF TODAY.
THE CHAIRMAN... HE BETTER NOT WAKE UP RIGHT NOW.



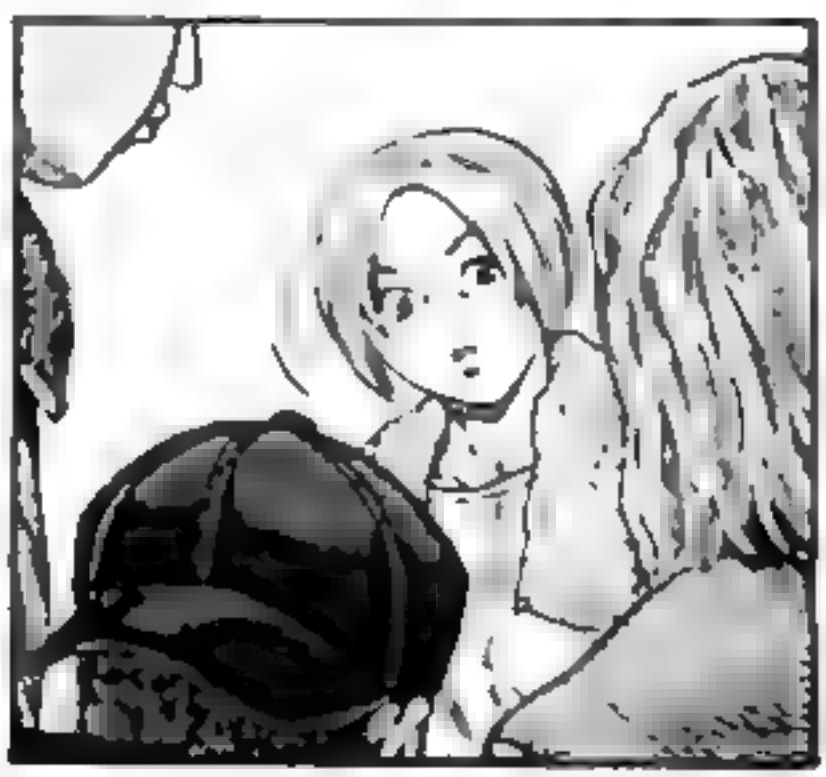


AH, SORRY, SORRY.
PEOPLE FROM OTHER AREAS ALSO CAME TO JIN-SAN'S PLACE,
IT LOOKS VERY CROWDED.

MUUU

STOP IT, YOU'RE MAKING ME BLUSH.

THE ONE WHO WAS PUT OFF THE MOST WAS THIS GIRL RIGHT HERE THOUGH.
MOM!



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INTERESTED ABOUT JIN AND KONO-CHAN, AIN'T YA? LITTLE MISSY.

AS IF.

BUT THAT'S MY SCHOOL'S UNIFORM...

SO THAT GIRL IS HIS GIRL-FRIEND? SHE'S REALLY CUTE...

WE WERE WORRIED SO WE CAME TO VISIT YOU

YOU LOOK ENER-GETIC

NOW NOW, DON'T APOLO-GISE.

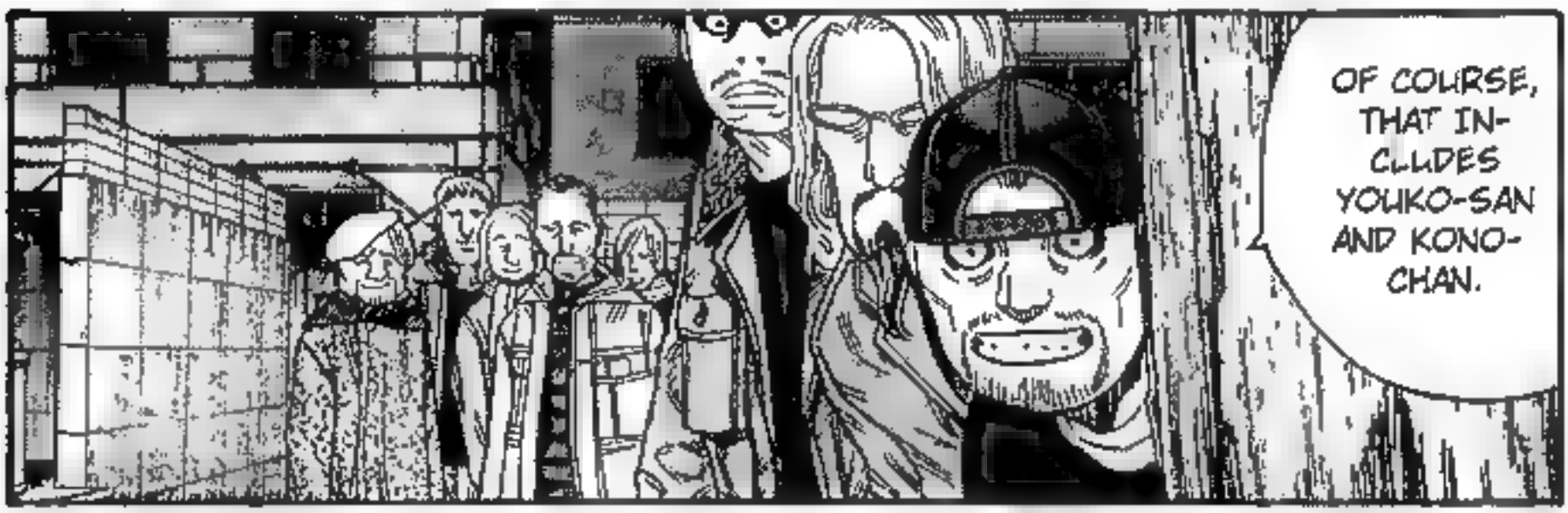
WE'VE ALREADY BOTH-ERED YOU ENOUGH.

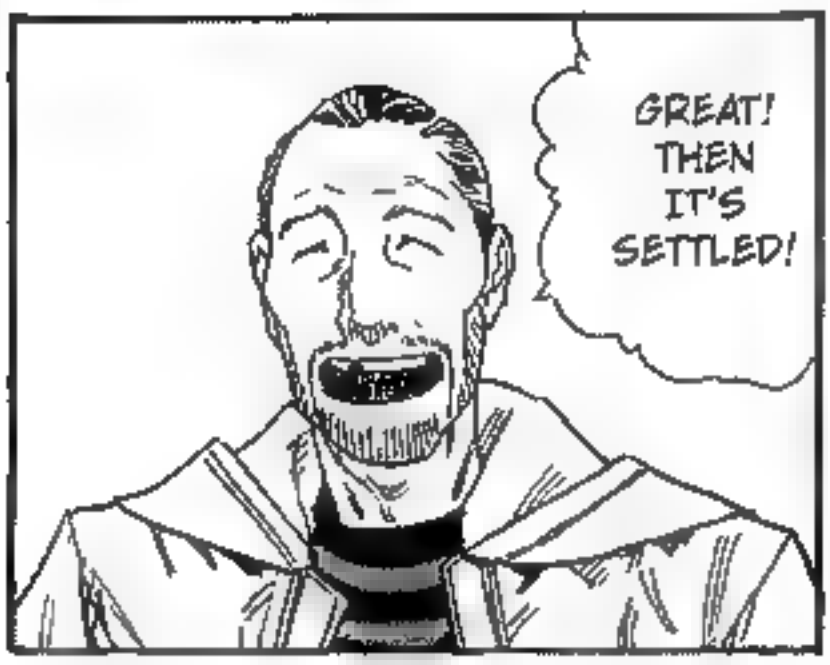
SORRY I DIDN'T HELP OUT TODAY, SUZUKI-SAN.

WE GOT THESE TODAY!
OH YA, JIN, NOW EVERY-ONE IS GOING FOR A BAN-QUET, YOU SHOULD COME ALONG TOO!

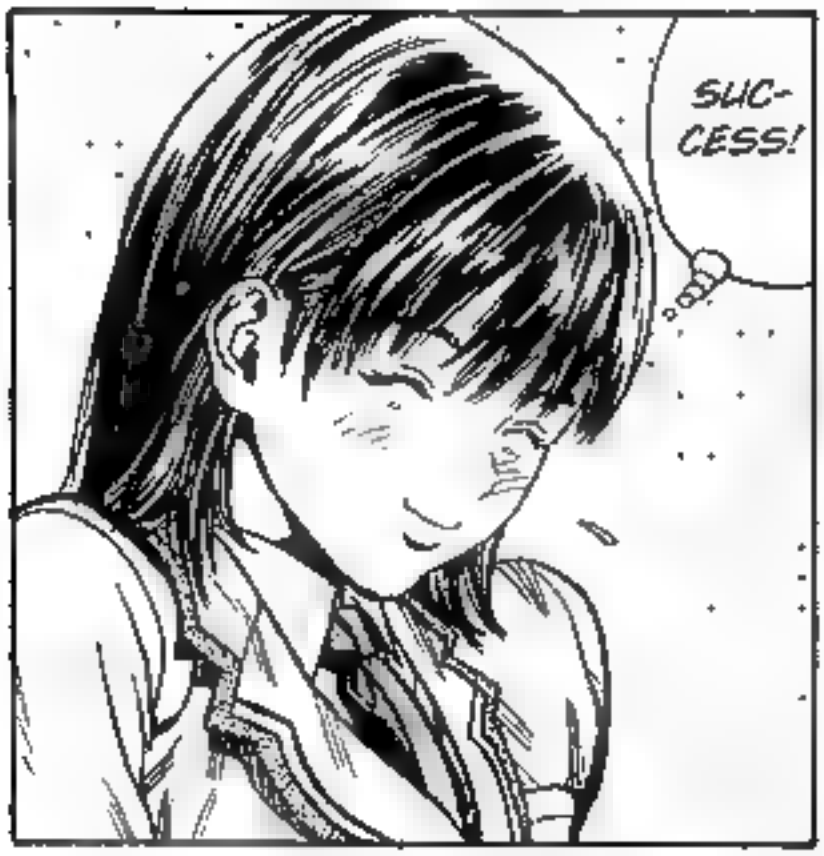
SUZUKI-SAN IS COMING ALONG TOO, RIGHT?!
AH, AH...

WE SHOULD NOT BE CARE-LESS...
A BANQUET! THE NEXT FOOD HANDOUT IS NEXT MONTH!


OF COURSE, THAT IN-CLUDES YOUKO-SAN AND KONO-CHAN.


GREAT! THEN IT'S SETTLED!

HM.
THEN...


SUC-
CESS!

SURE, SOUNDS LIKE FUN.
JIN-SAN?

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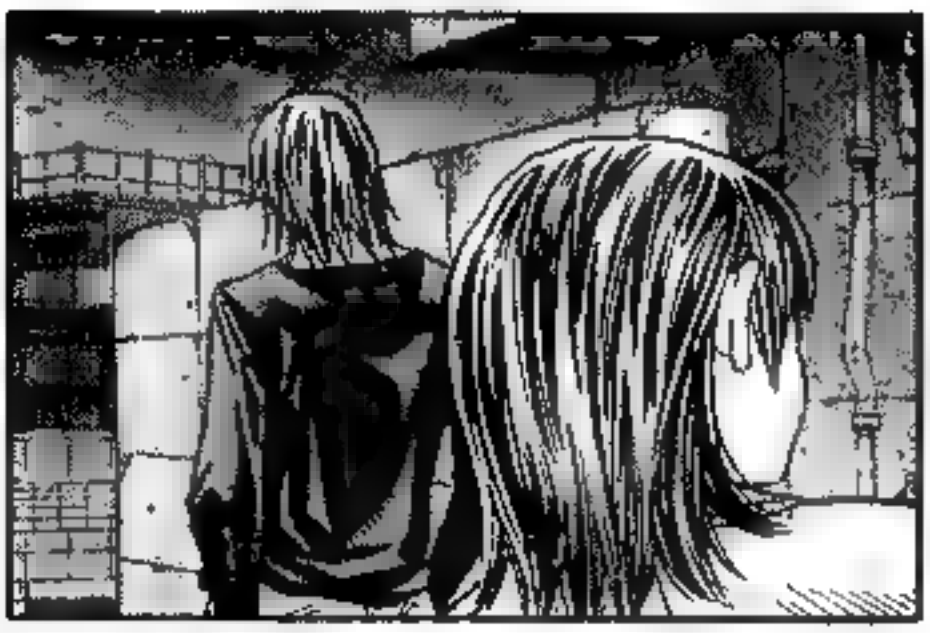
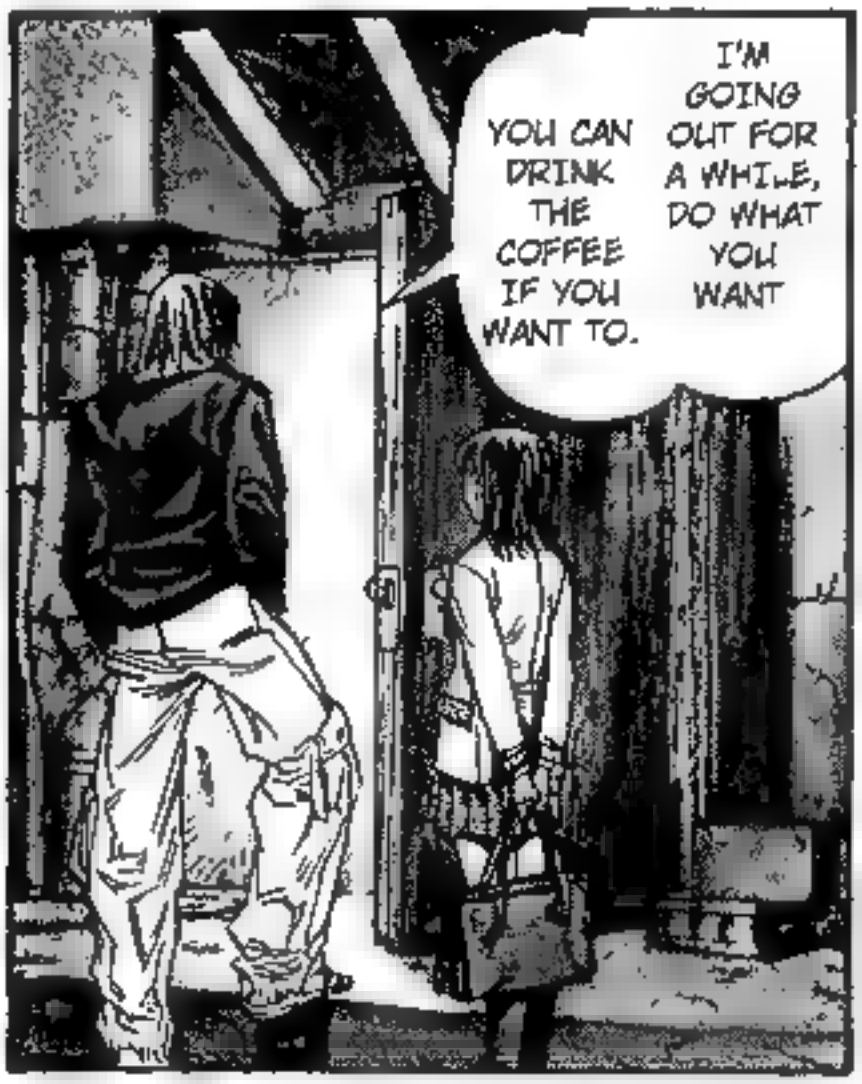
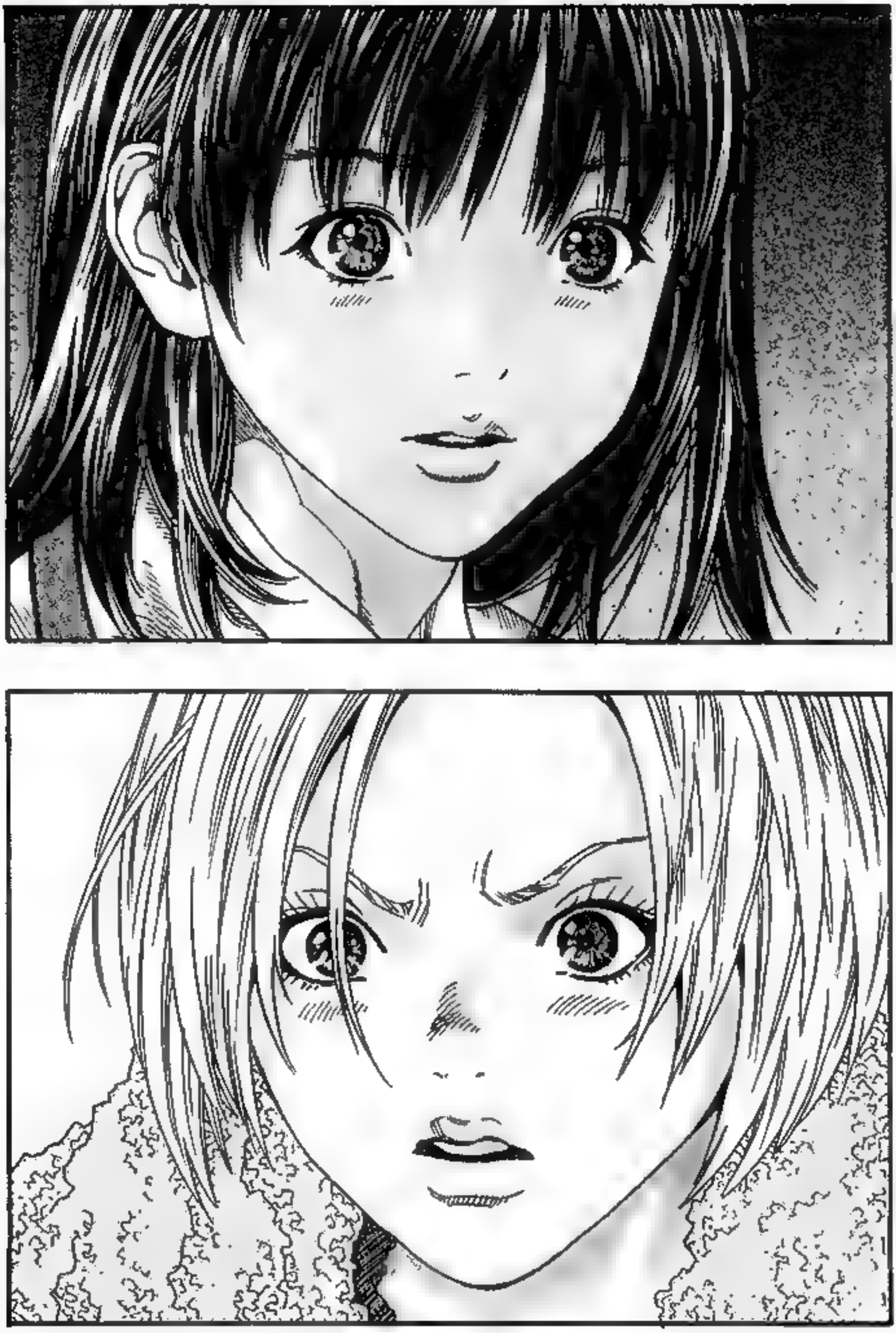
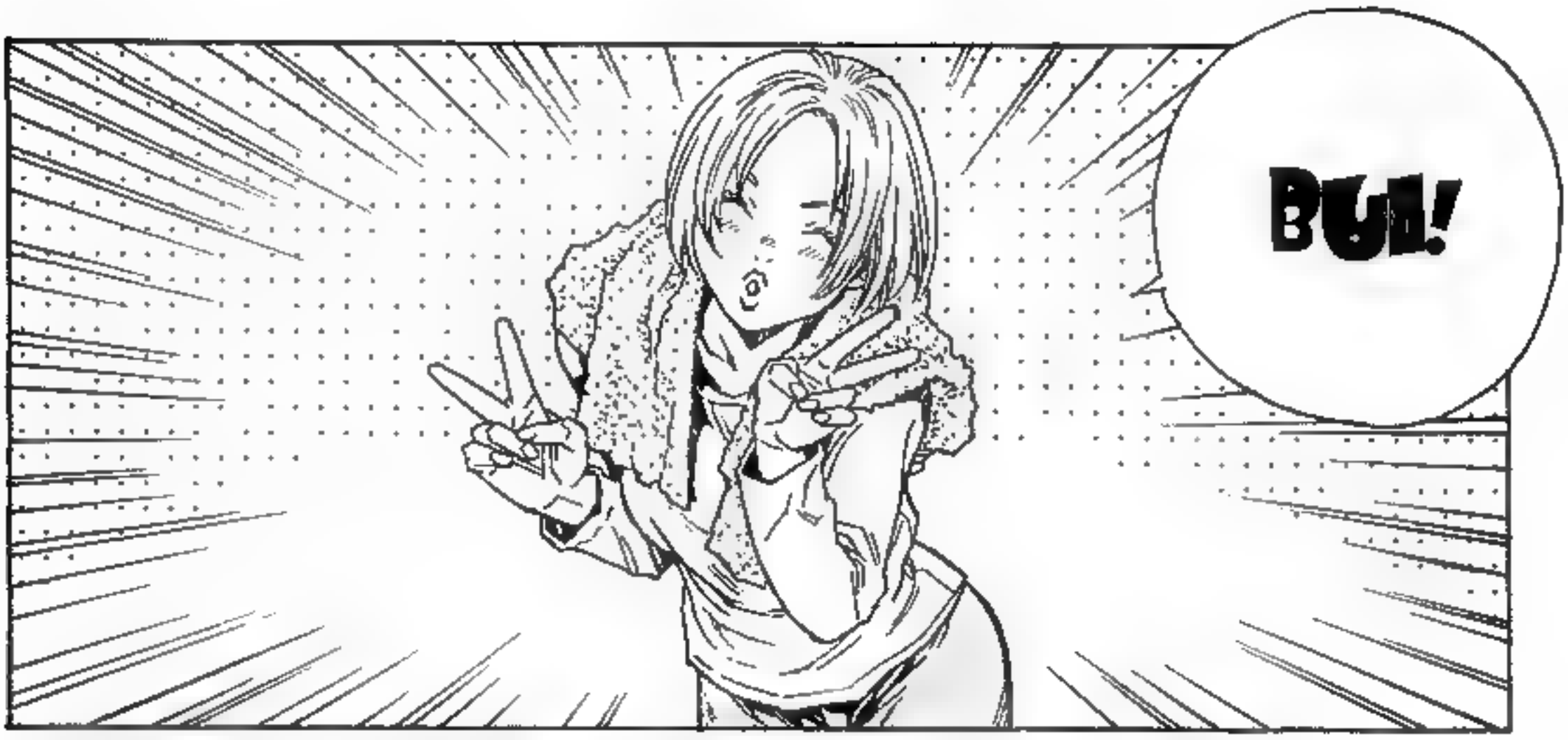



YOU CAN DRINK THE COFFEE IF YOU WANT TO.
I'M GOING OUT FOR A WHILE, DO WHAT YOU WANT

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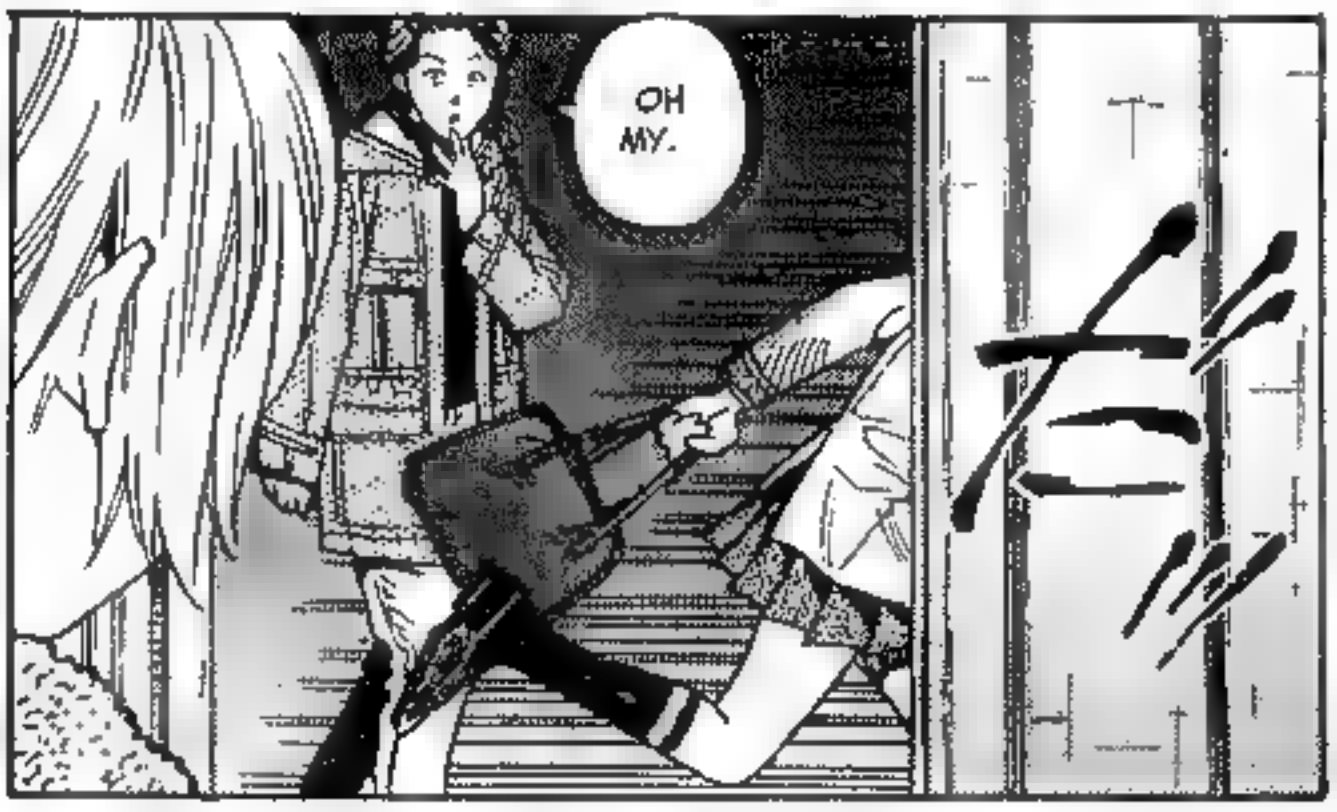
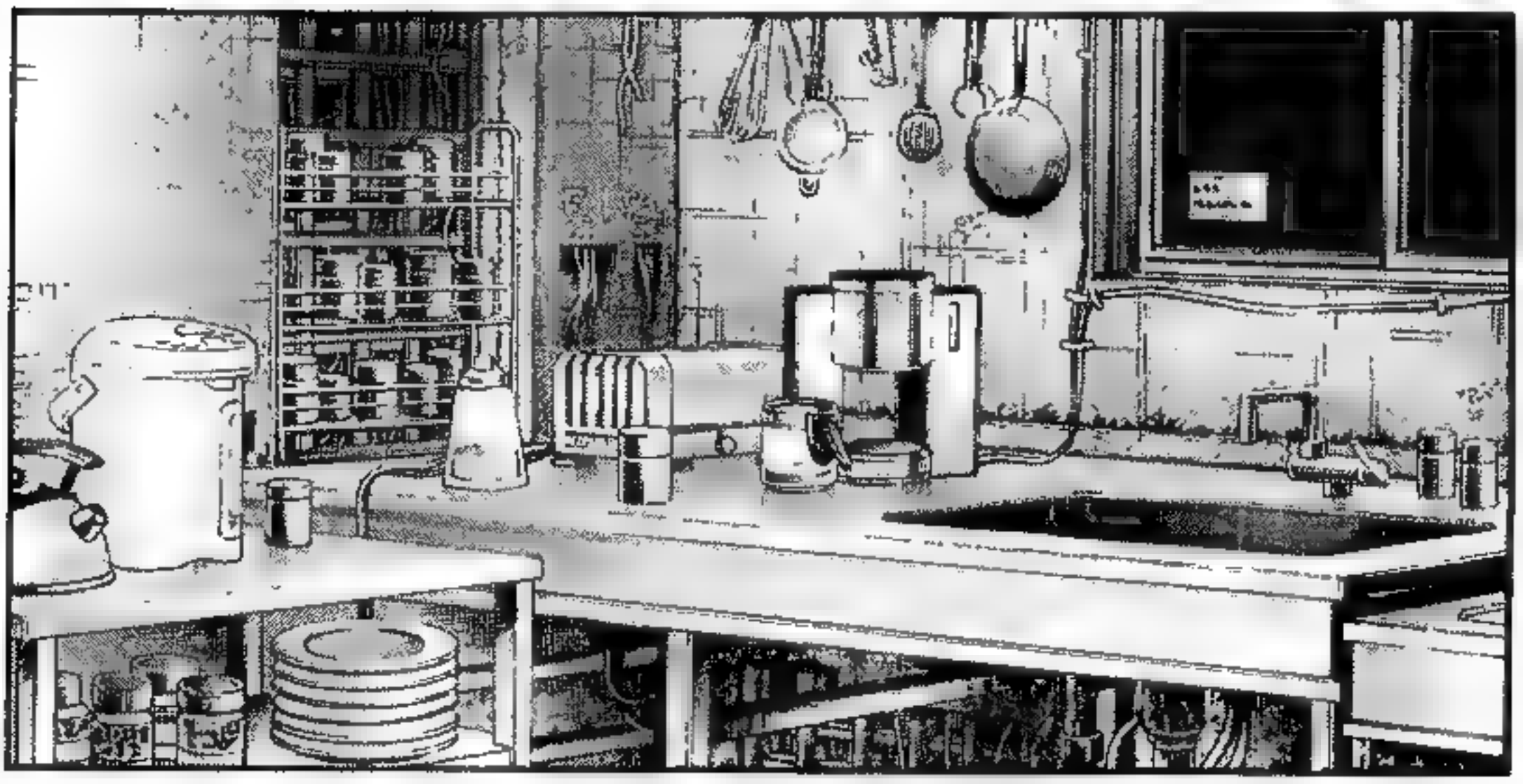
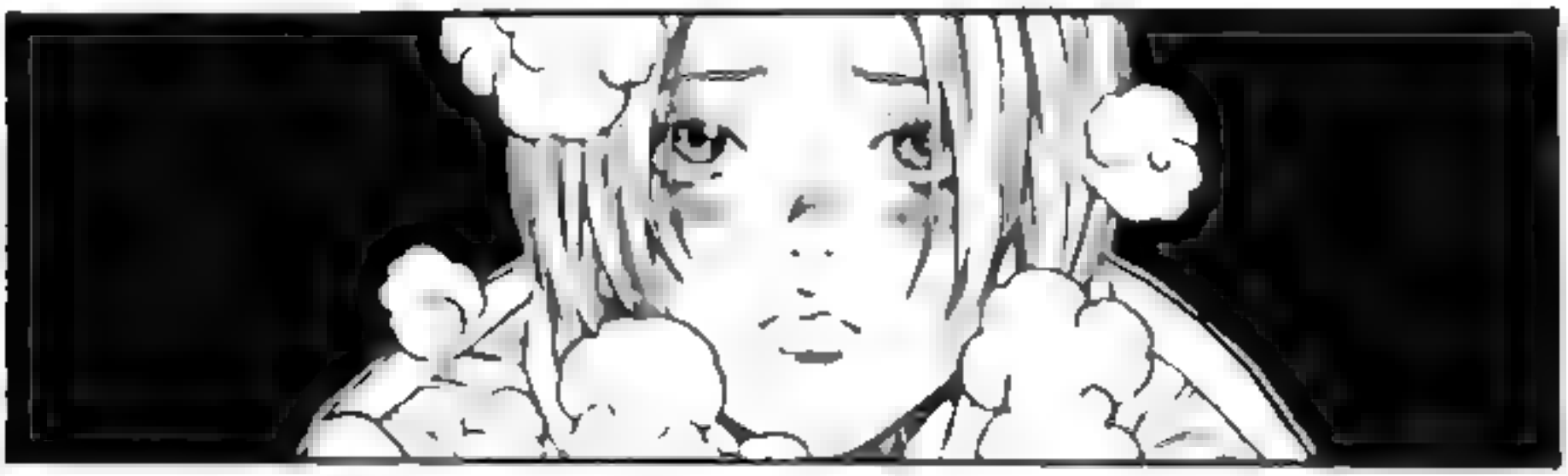
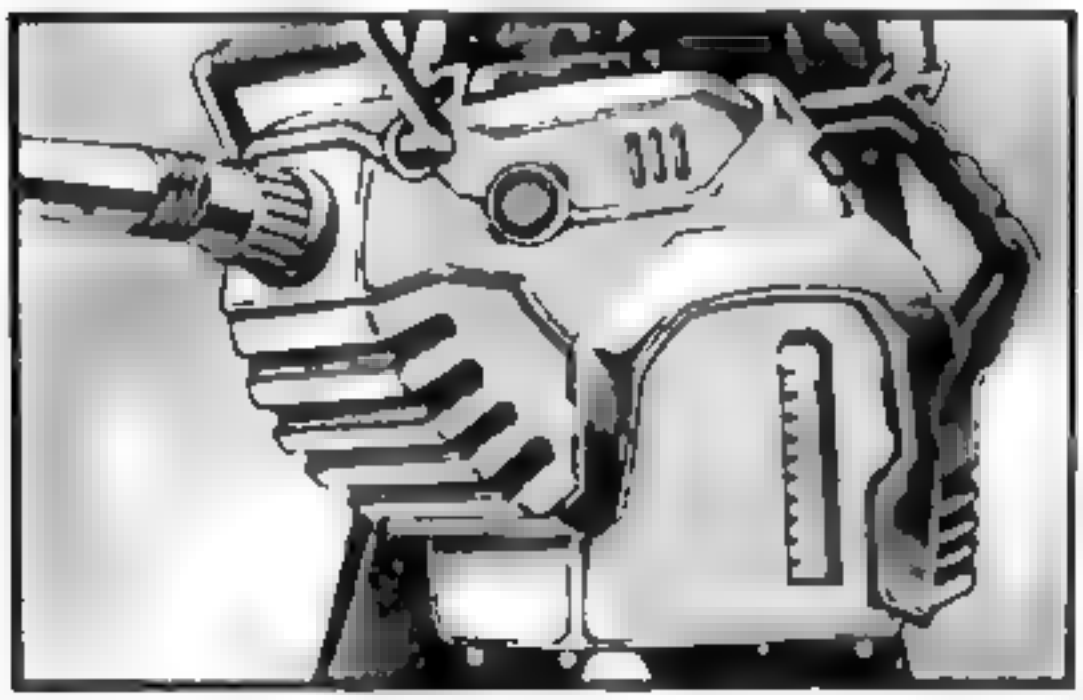

OH
MY.

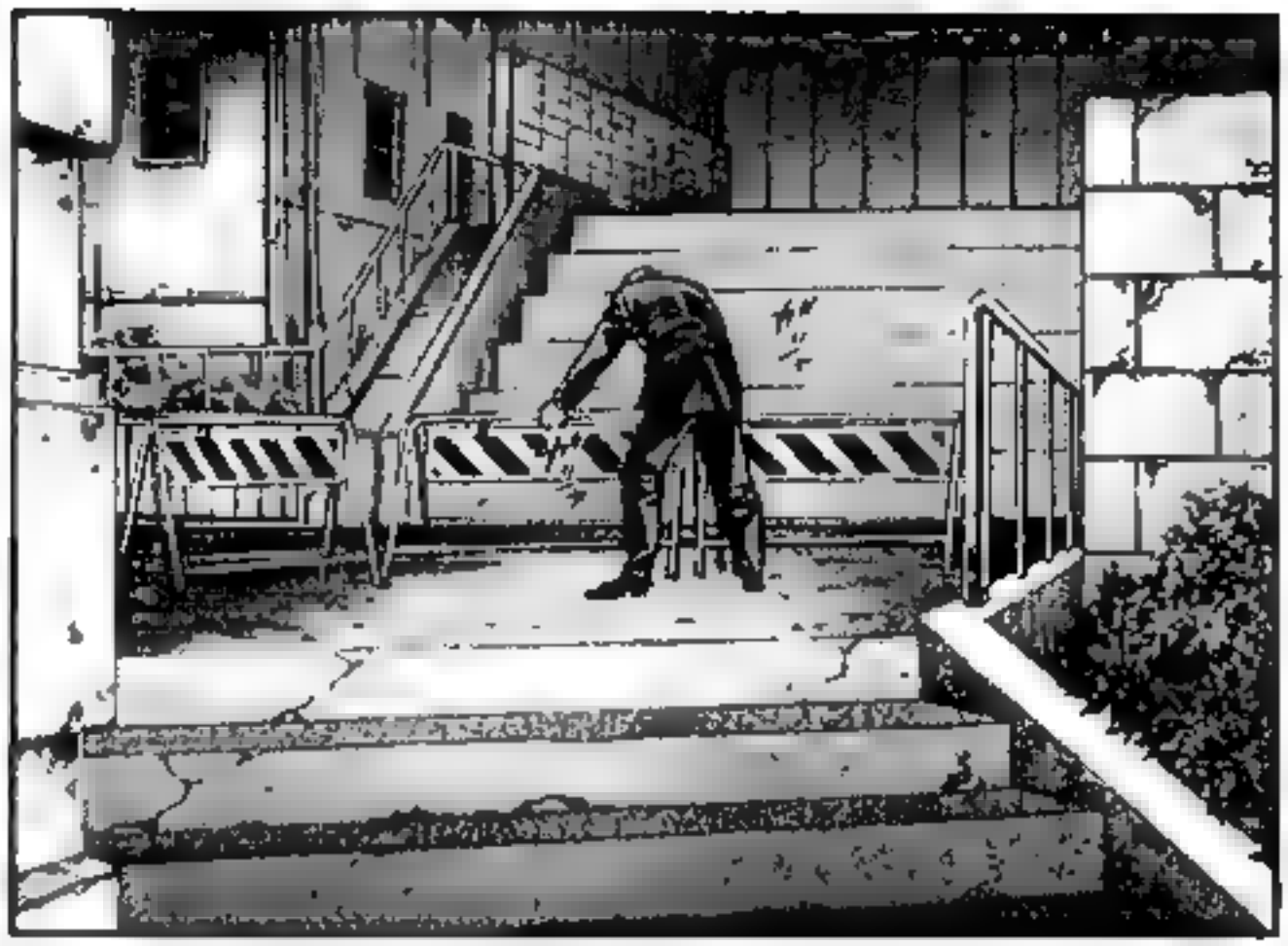




THE ATMOSPHERE HERE IS SO WEIRD
HAH

AND HOLD ON.
JUST WHAT IN BLAZES DID I MEAN BY "BUT", ANYWAY...





DANGER
POISON GAS LEAK
DO NOT ENTER

I HAVE TO BE QUICK WITH RECOVERING THE BODIES, OTHERWISE IT WOULD CAUSE QUITE A STIR.

YOU REALLY ARE EFFICIENT.

YOU CAN'T JUST SAY THAT AND GIVE UP.
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, IT CAN'T BE DONE WITH EVERYTHING PILING UP LIKE THIS, RIGHT?
IF ANYTHING GOES WRONG, WE'LL HAVE TO GET RID OF THEM ALL.

第72話
(Side Effect)

POISON GAS, THAT'S WHAT

WHAT'S THIS?

HEY STOP KIDDING AROUND

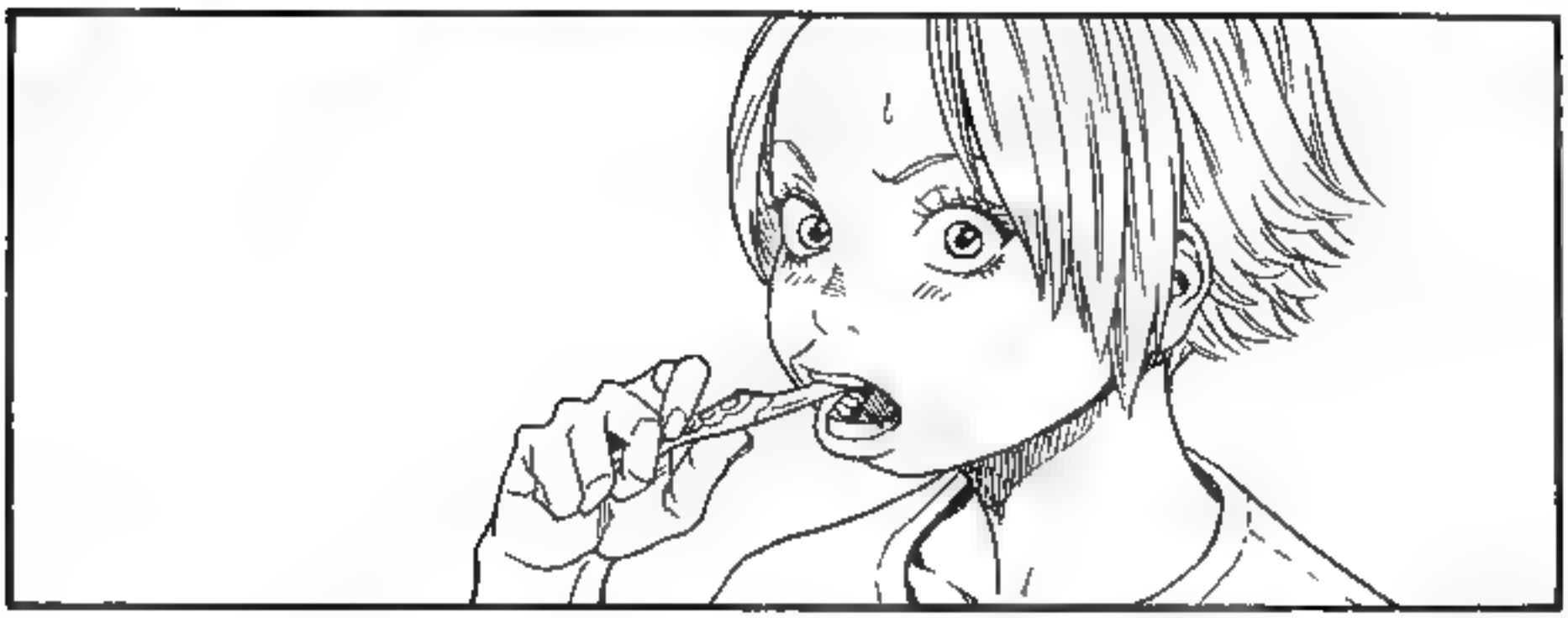
MY HOUSE IS JUST DOWN THIS WAY. I CAN'T GET BACK

YEAH, I GUESS IT DOES SMELL KINDA BAD

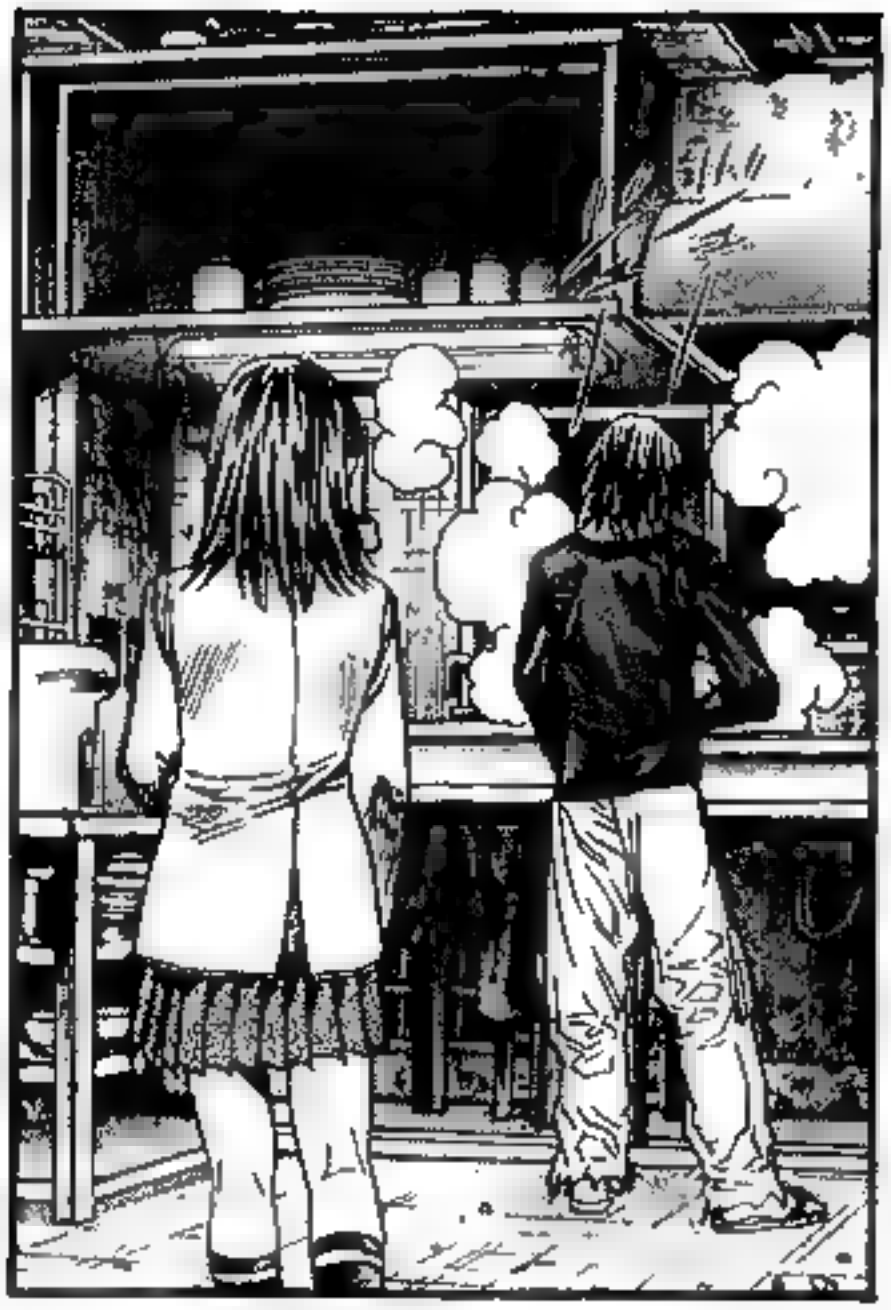
.....

SO THE BANQUET'S ON HOLD, HUH...

SORRY TO INTRUDE AGAIN.

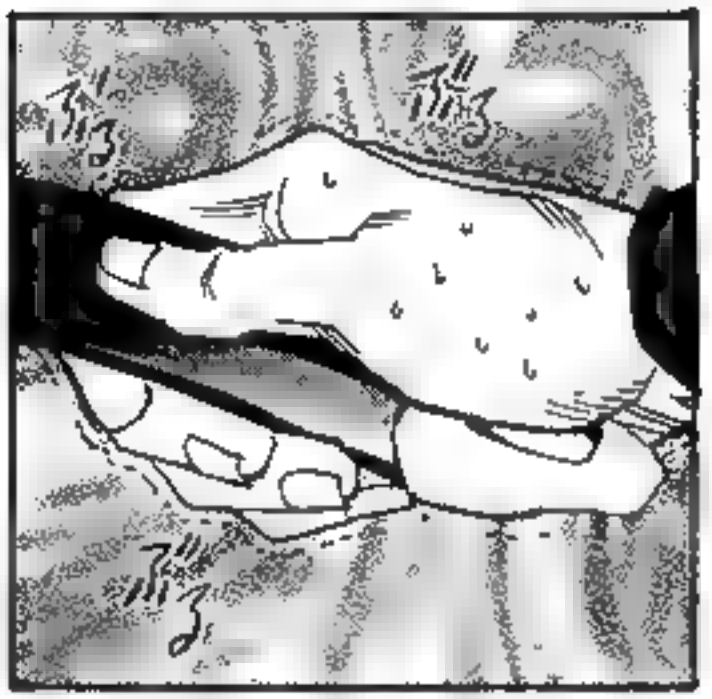


NEED HELP WITH ANYTHING?



YEAH, IT'S ALMOST READY

DAMN
IT'S KICKING N EARLIER NOW
THE SIDE-EFFECTS OF THE DRUG



SURE, GO RIGHT AHEAD.

AH.

BUT...

UM...

CAN WE TALK HERE FOR A BIT?

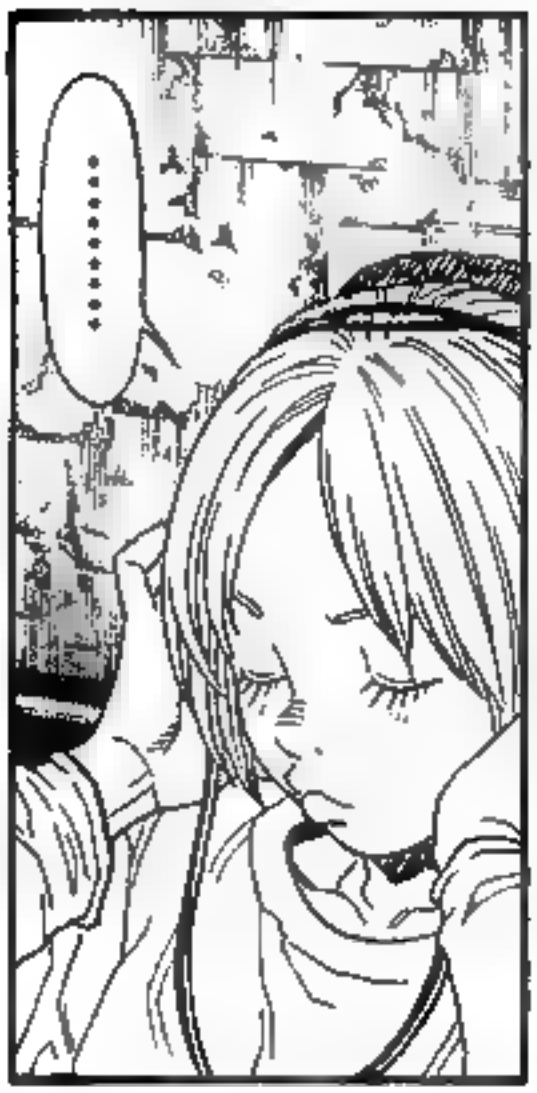
I'M SHAMELESSLY STEALING HIS BED FOR TONIGHT ONLY.

I'M JUST ANOTHER RUNAWAY WITHOUT ANYWHERE TO GO, WHO STUMBLED INTO THIS PLACE AT RANDOM.

RELIEVED NOW?

SO?

I ONLY MET HIM TODAY.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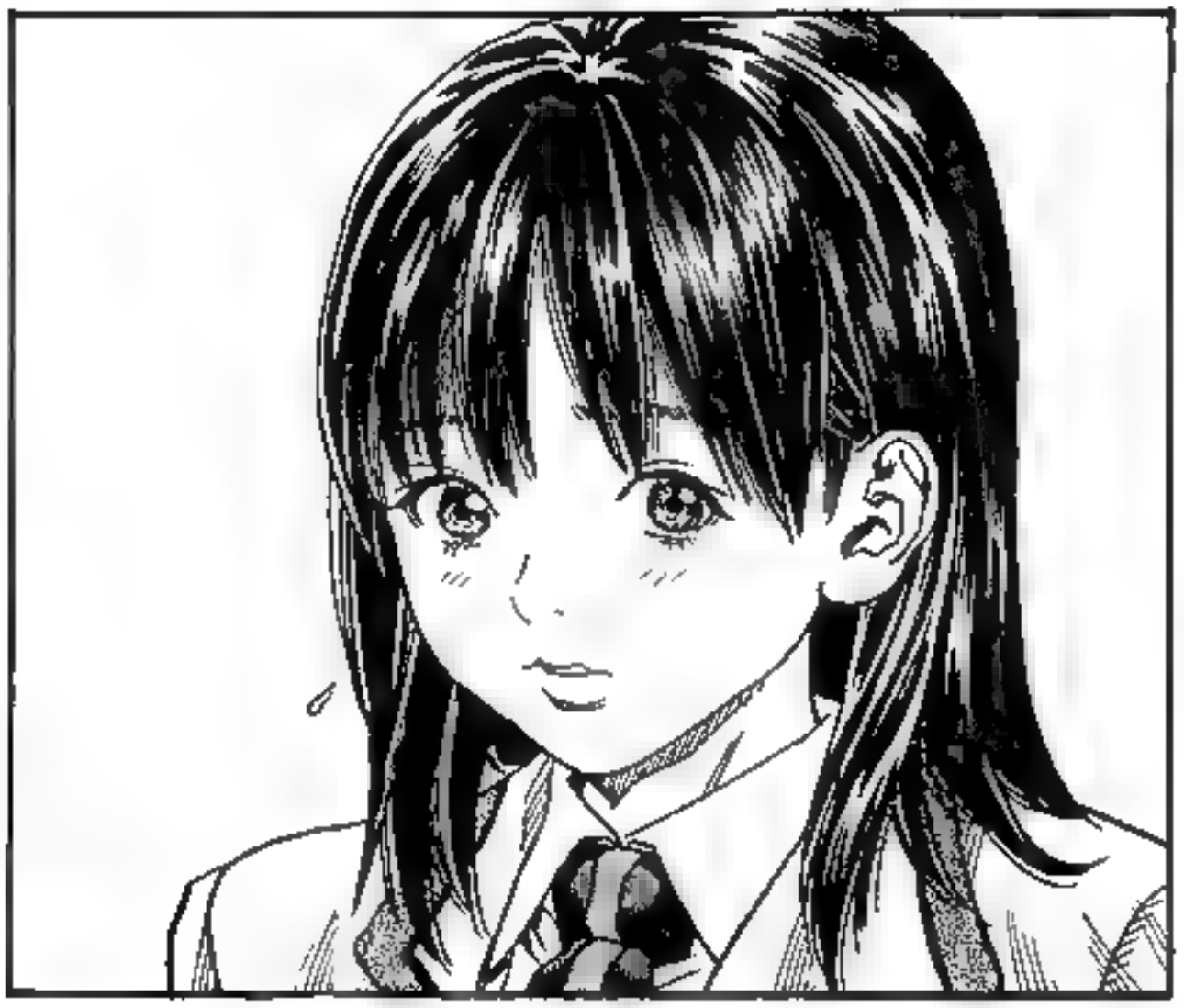
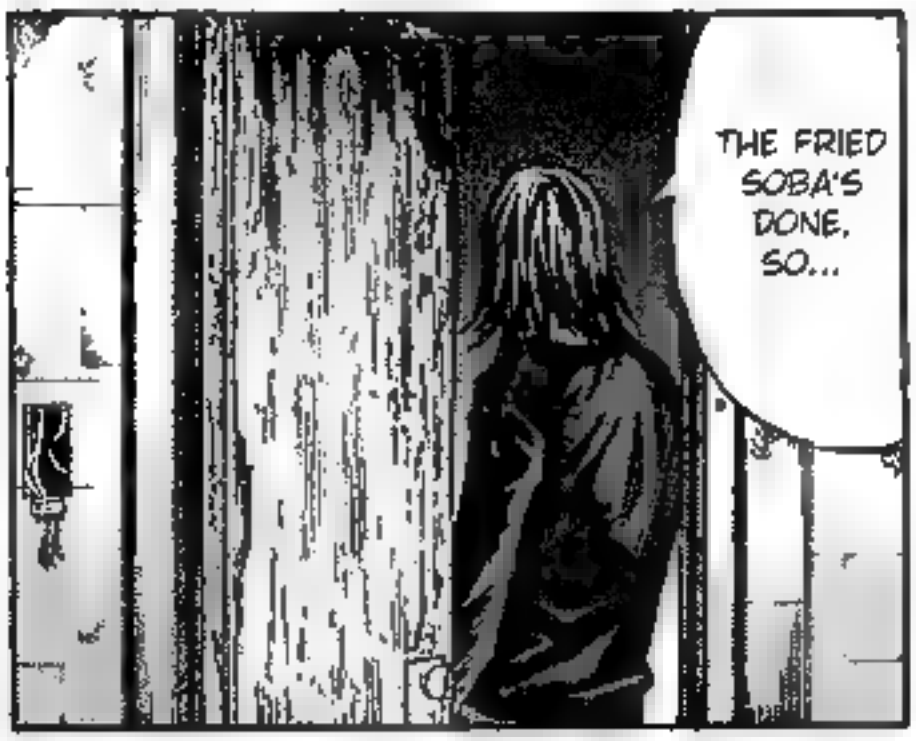
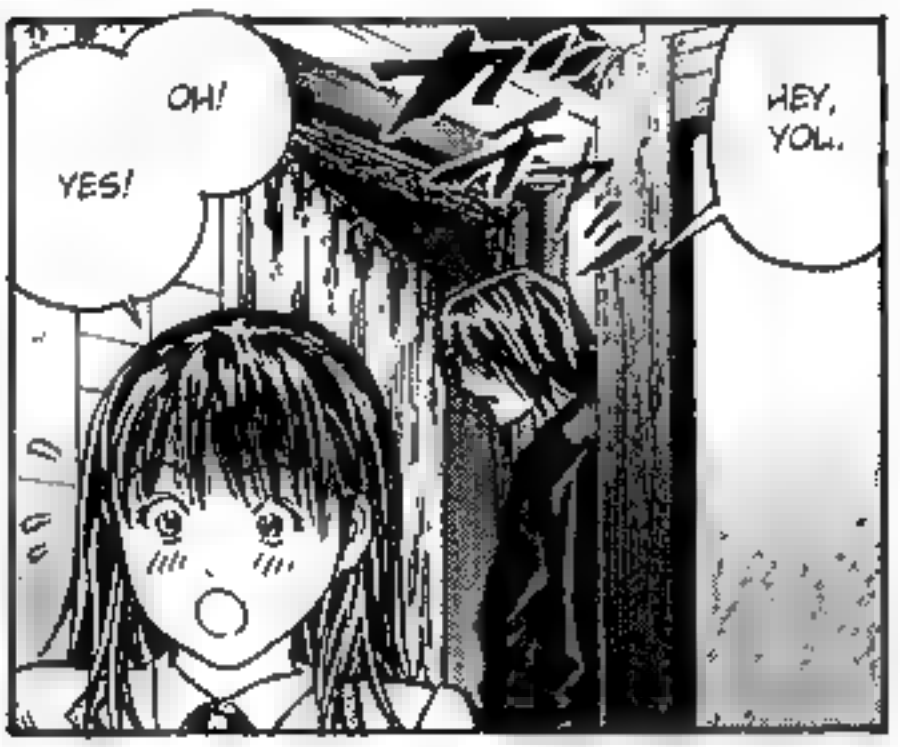
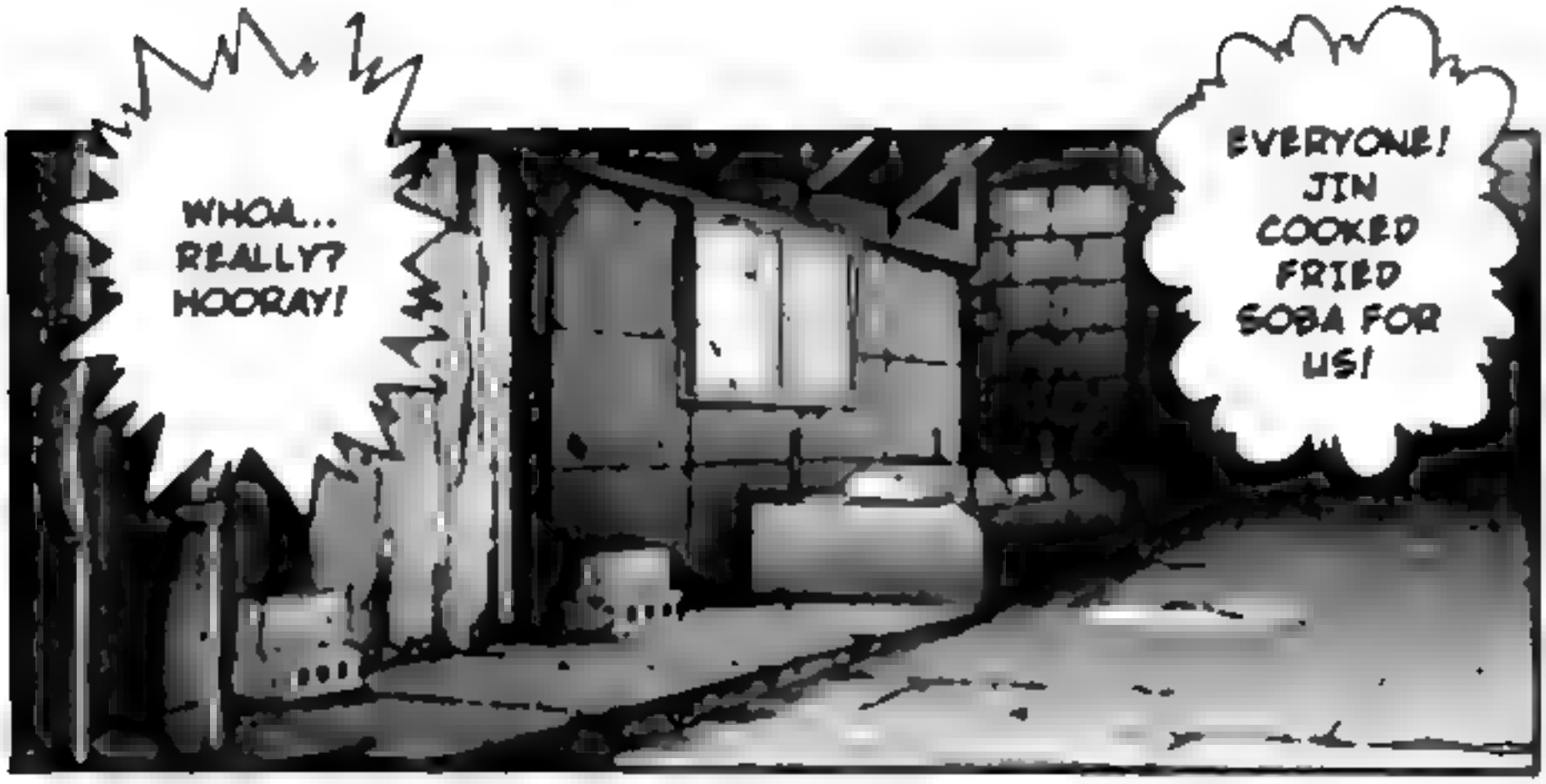



THE FRIED SOBA'S DONE, SO...


OH!
YES!
HEY, YOU.

YEAH...
HUH?
OH...


WHOA... REALLY? HOORAY!
EVERYONE! JIN COOKED FRIED SOBA FOR US!
JIN'S COOKING REALLY IS DELI-CIOUS...
HAAH ...
AARGH ...
OOOH ...

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GRR-
AHH!

UGH
...

OHH
...

HHH-
AAA
AAA
...

Chapter 73

For the Sake of Others

HUH!? KONO-CHAN IS GOING HOME!?

AH!

KONOHA, IF YOU DON'T GO HOME SOON...

AND RIGHT AFTER MAKING FRIED SOBA, HE LEFT...

HE LETS EVERYONE USE THIS PLACE,

WHERE DID HE GO...?

REALLY, WHAT'S THAT BASTARD DOING!?

AND HE'S BEEN IN THAT OTHER PLACE FOR ALMOST 30 MINUTES.

I WANT TO KNOW MORE!!

AH!

!

UH ...

IT'LL PASS... BY MORNING ...

BY... MORNING...

NO.. NO PROBLEM

...

YOU ALRIGHT !?

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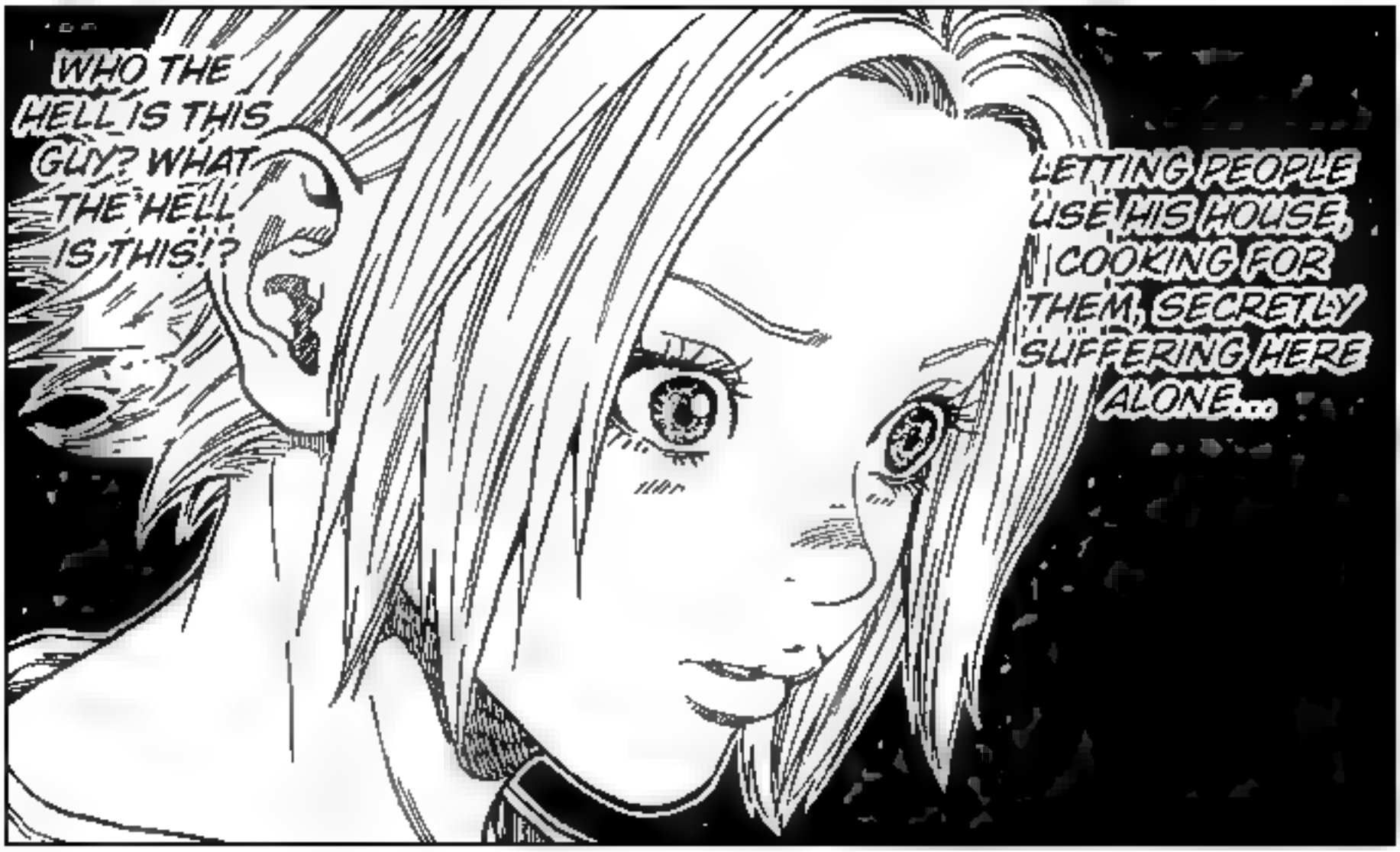
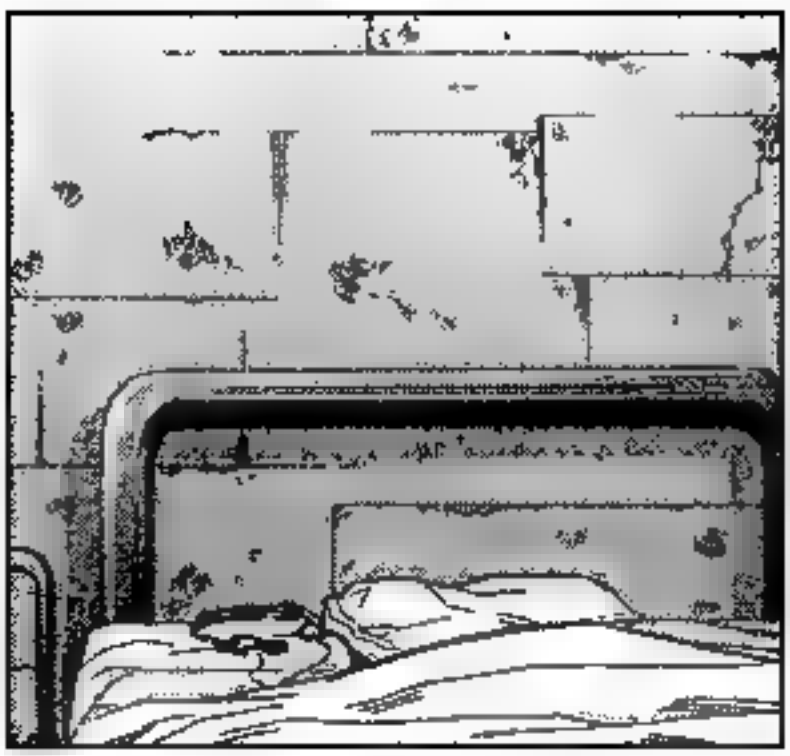
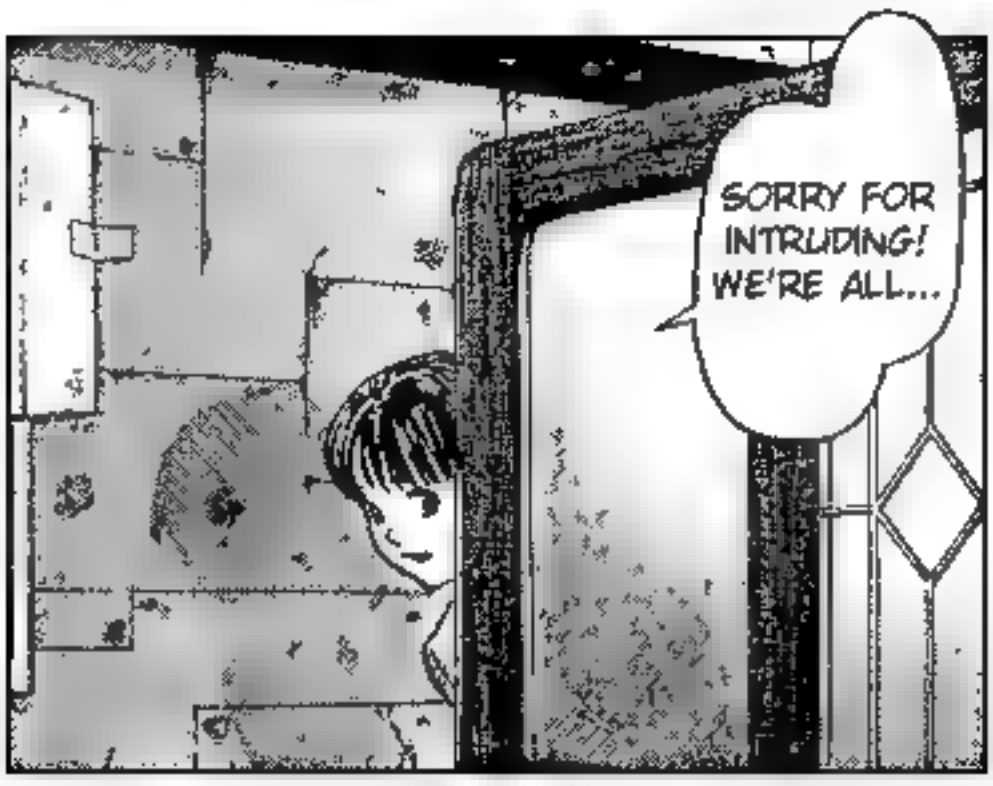
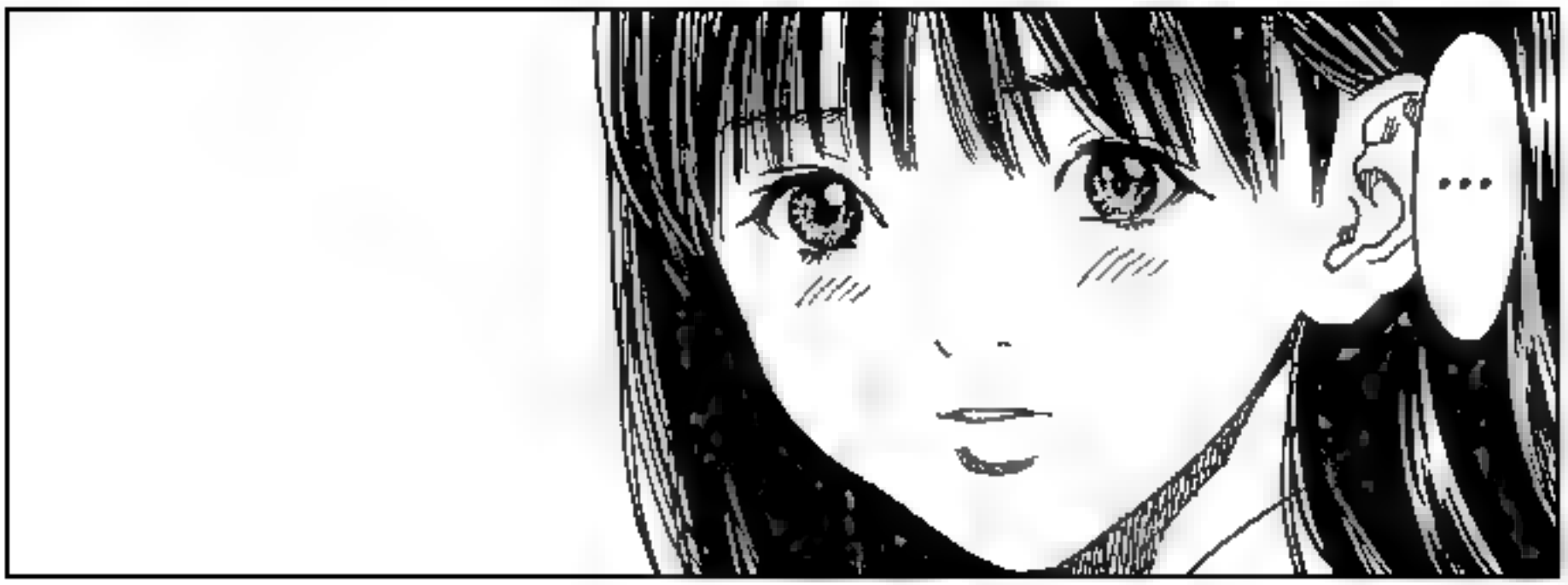

WHO THE HELL IS THIS GUY? WHAT THE HELL IS THIS!?
LETTING PEOPLE USE HIS HOUSE, COOKING FOR THEM, SECRETLY SUFFERING HERE ALONE...




SORRY FOR INTRUDING! WE'RE ALL...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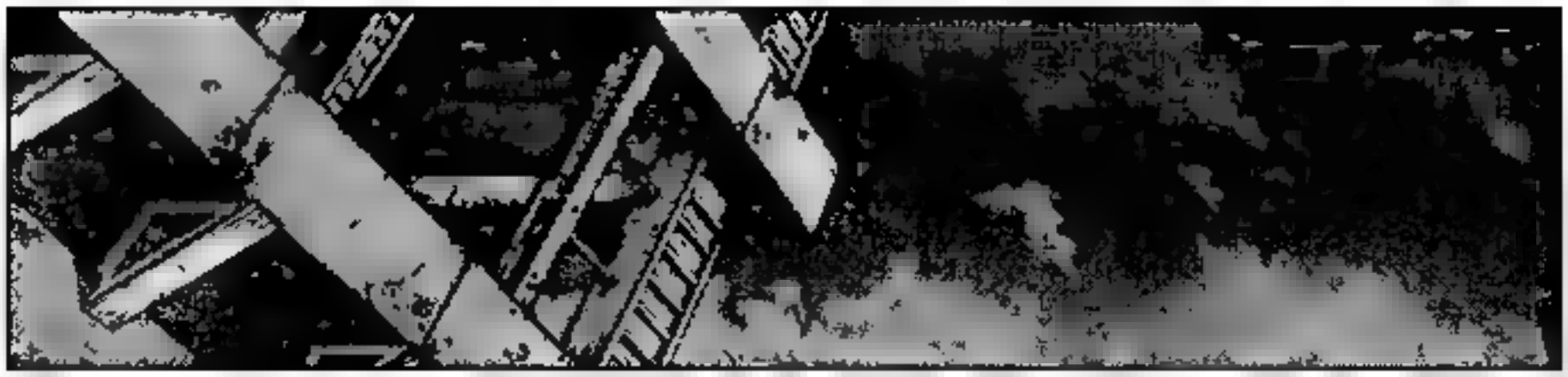

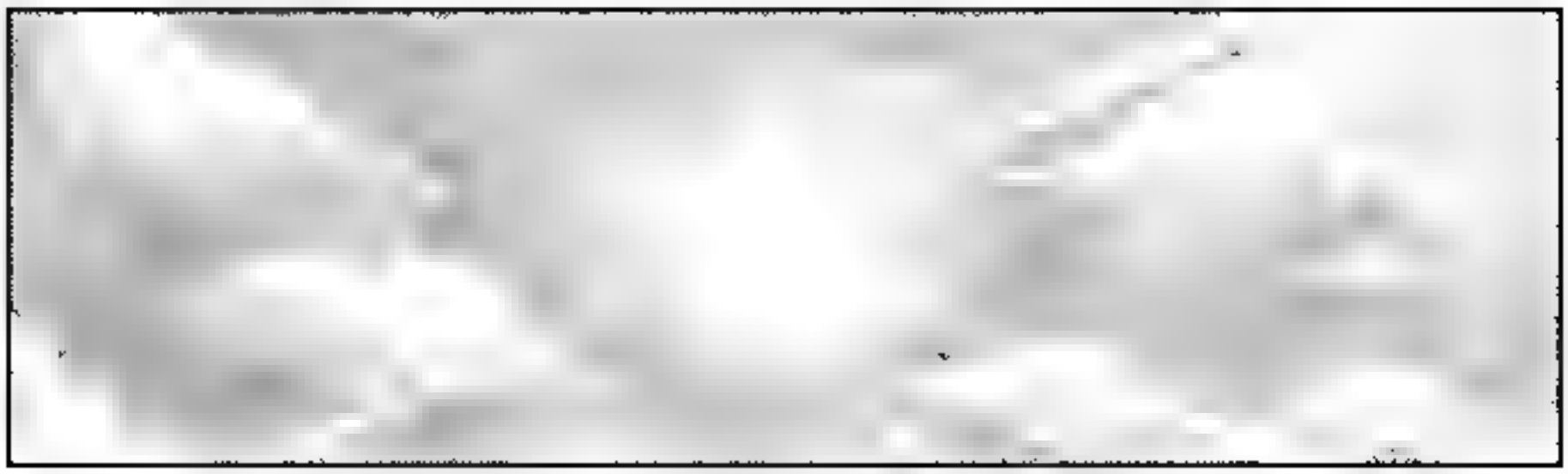

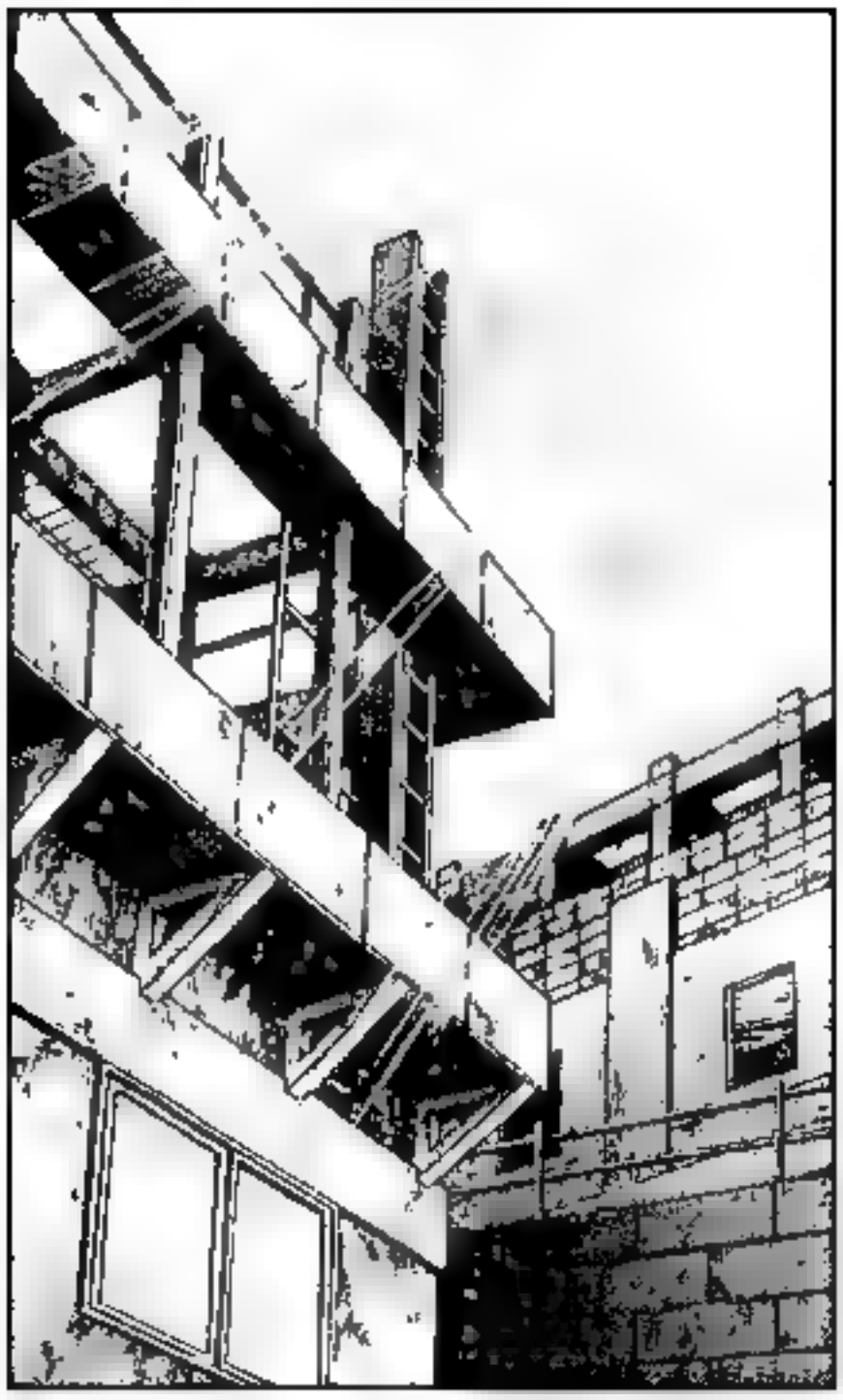

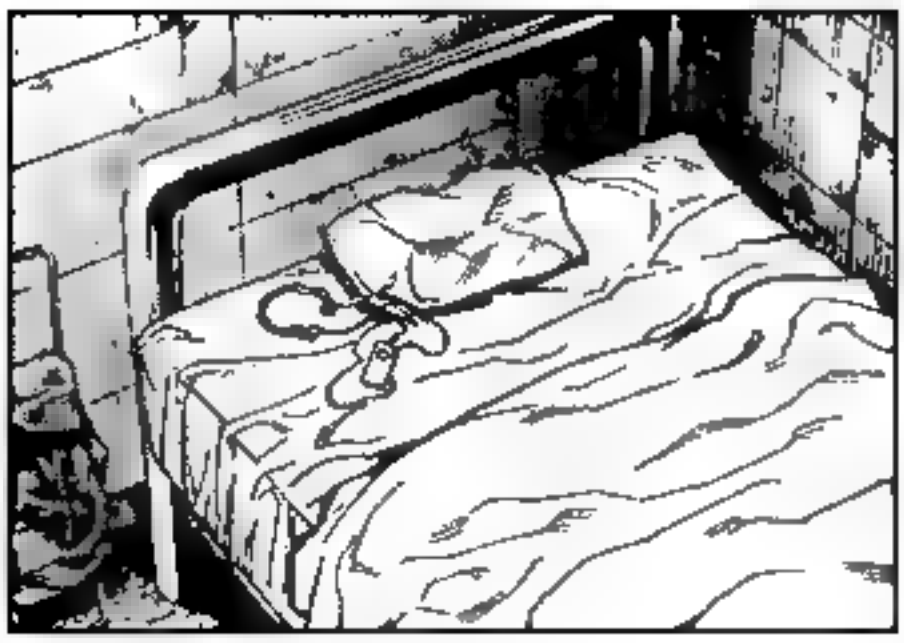

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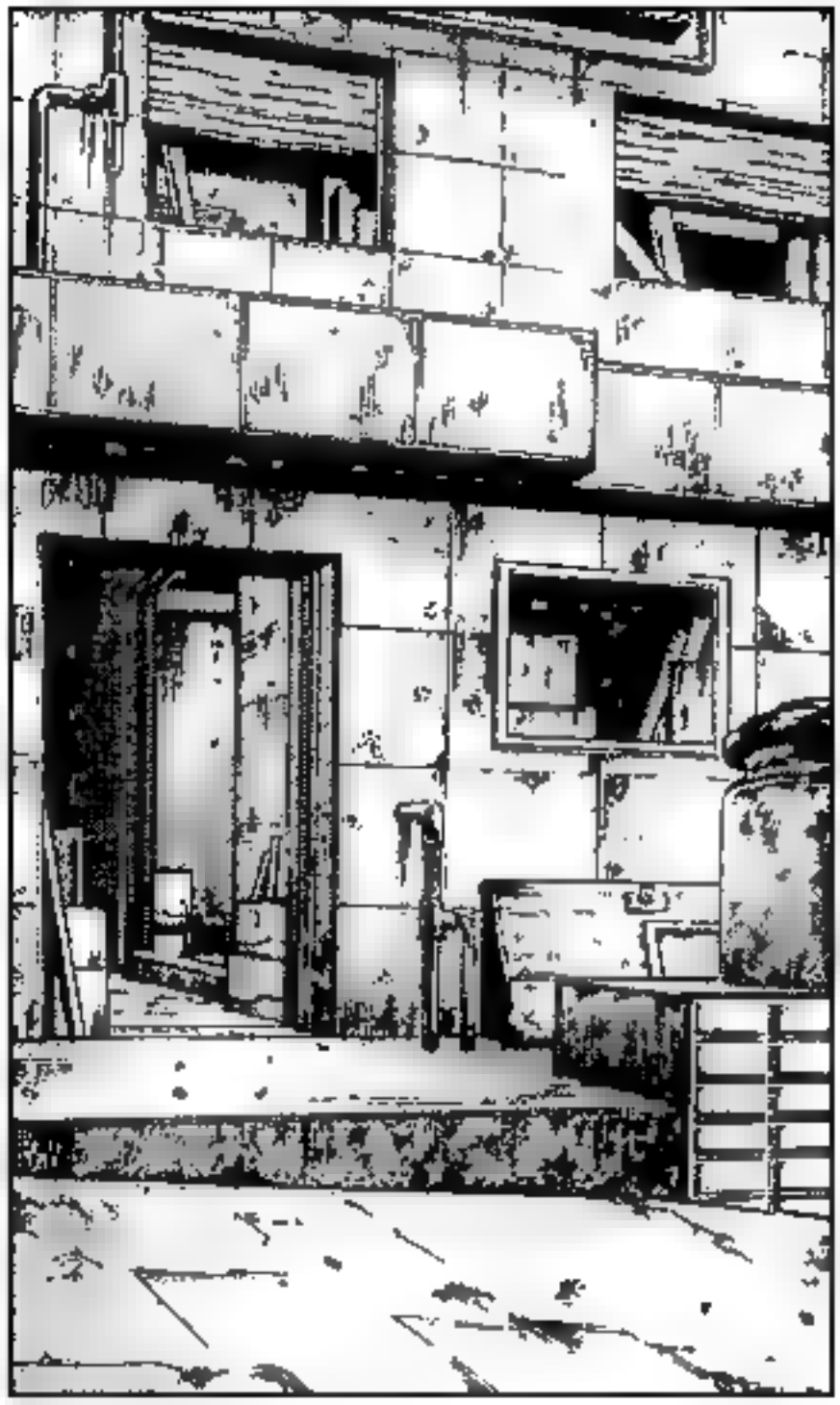

BUT I'M ALREADY FINE.
THANKS... FOR YOUR CONCERN.

AH!
SORRY!
I NODDED OFF!
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?

SEE YOU AROUND.

I HAVE TO GO OUT, SO I CAN'T MAKE BREAKFAST. HELP YOURSELF TO ANYTHING YOU LIKE.

THERE'S A LIMIT TO HOW GOOD YOU CAN BE, BUT YOU'RE LIKE A SAINT.

IT'S LIKE YOU JUST LIVE FOR OTHERS.

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU?

WHAT ELSE CAN I DO? IT'S MY REASON TO LIVE.

HEH.

AH... DAMN IT! NOW I'M CURIOUS!
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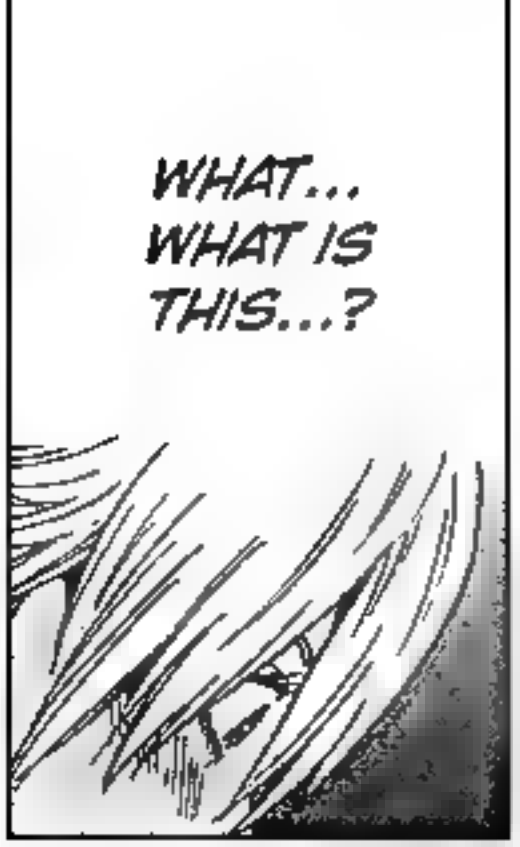
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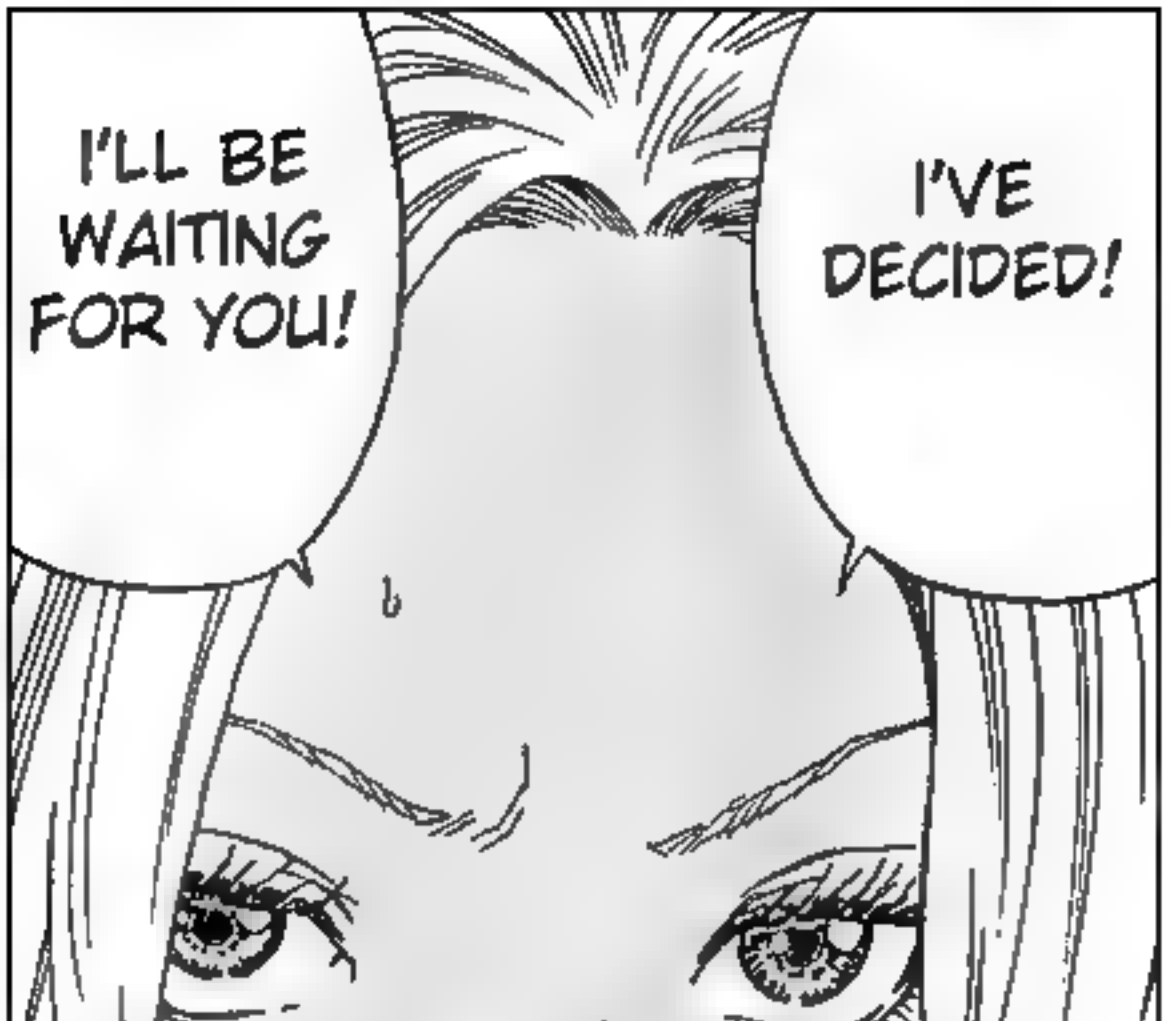
WHY?

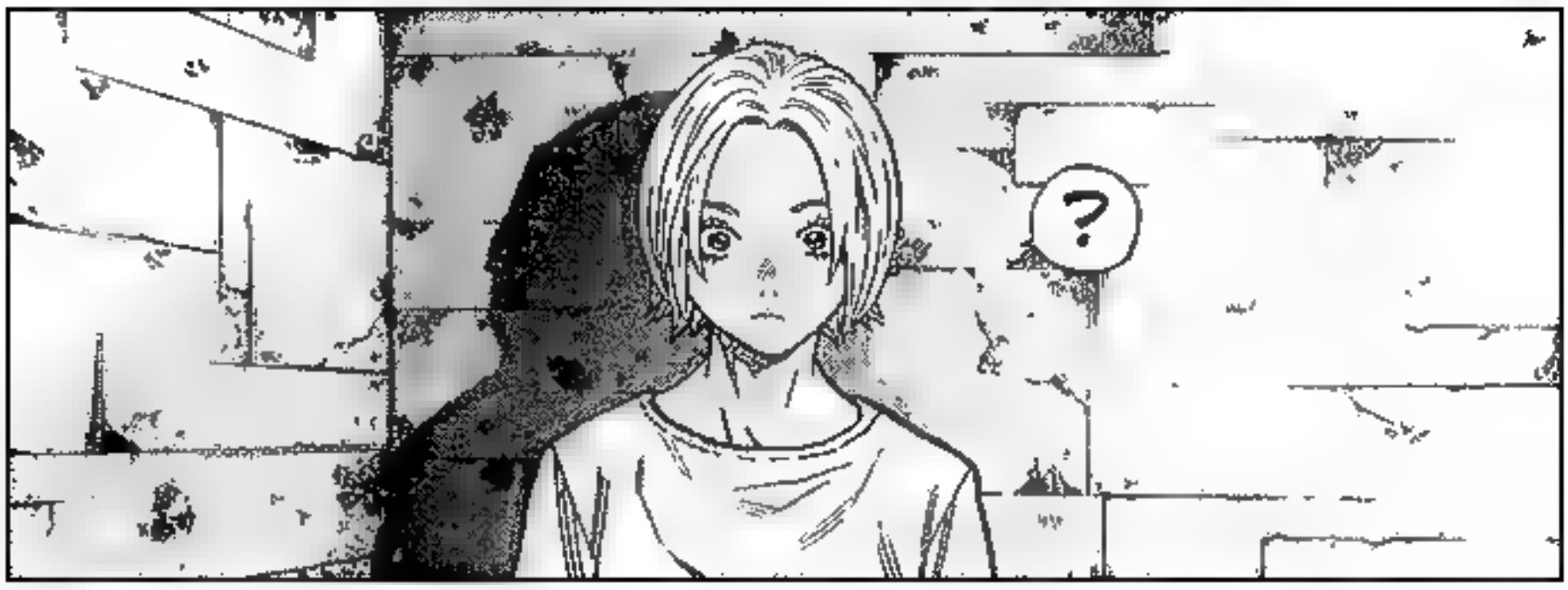

I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU!
I'VE DECIDED!

NO REAL REASON.

WELCOME HOME.

SOMEONE WAITING FOR ME...

IT'S BEEN A WHILE...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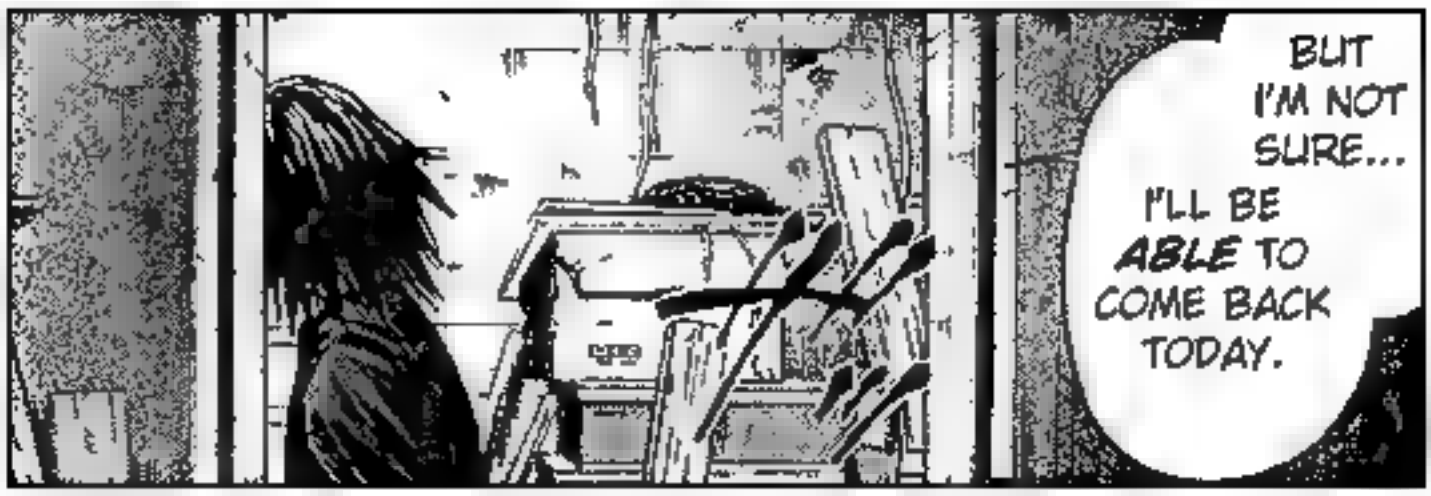
BUT I'M NOT SURE...
I'LL BE ABLE TO COME BACK TODAY.

I'LL BE WAIT-ING!!

PLEASE YOUR-SELF.

WITH ME, TOO...

WHAT'S UP...

IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS.

WAS A LONG TIME AGO.

LAST TIME WE CAME HERE...

THIS TIME, IT'S NOT JUST A TEST, IS IT?

YESTERDAY, YOUR INJURIES WERE SUCH THAT EVEN A SIMPLE TEST...

NOT THAT WE ARE TRYING TO WATCH YOUR EVERY ACTION, BUT WE HAVE TO BE PREPARED FOR ANY ABNORMALITIES WITH YOUR BODY.

AS YOU KNOW, YOU ARE ALWAYS UNDER SURVEILLANCE.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS?

YOU WERE IMMEDIATELY CALLED HERE BECAUSE OF THE DATA ANALYSIS.

ALL DATA AT THAT TIME WAS SENT HERE INSTANTLY.

THE GUM YOU HAD YESTERDAY CAUSED SOME CHANGES TO YOUR BODY.

ARE YOU FULLY PRE-PARED?

IT MEANS I'LL BE GETTING LESS AND LESS HUMAN.
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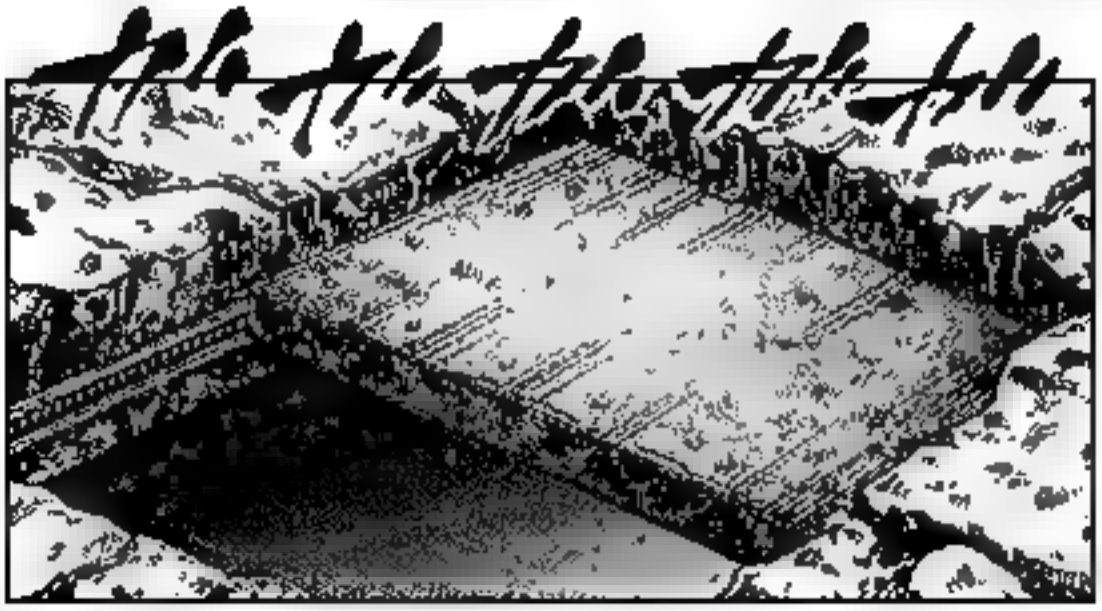

WHAT-EVER.

I'LL FINALLY BECOME MY TRUE SELF, RIGHT?

THAT IS MY WISH.

IT'S UNTHINK-ABLE THAT TWO YEARS AGO...

THAT'S GOOD... TO COME TO UNDERSTAND HIMSELF AND ACCEPT US LIKE THIS...

YESooo

JUST TWO YEARS AGO...

YOU BAS-TARD...

GAH!

NOT ACTUALLY EXIST...?

OR... DID AUNTIE HER-SELF...

IS AUNTIE DEAD!?

TELL ME NOW!! DID YOU KILL AUNTIE!?

SETTLE DOWN, AND FOLLOW ME.

WHAT IS "REALITY" ...?

WAS IT A DRE-AM...

OR WAS IT REAL-ITY...

I WILL TELL YOU EVERY-THING.

VERY WELL, REST ASSURED

CUT THE BULLSHIT! TELL ME WHAT I WANT TO KNOW!!

IF THERE'S *ANYTHING* THAT DOESN'T SOUND RIGHT, I'LL KILL EVERY LAST ONE OF YOU!!

GOOD. YOU ***WILL*** TELL ME EVERY-THING!

IT SEEMS YOU HAVEN'T LOST YOUR ORIGINAL NATURE.

BUT I'M RELIE-VED.

MY, MY... SUCH A SCARY CHILD.

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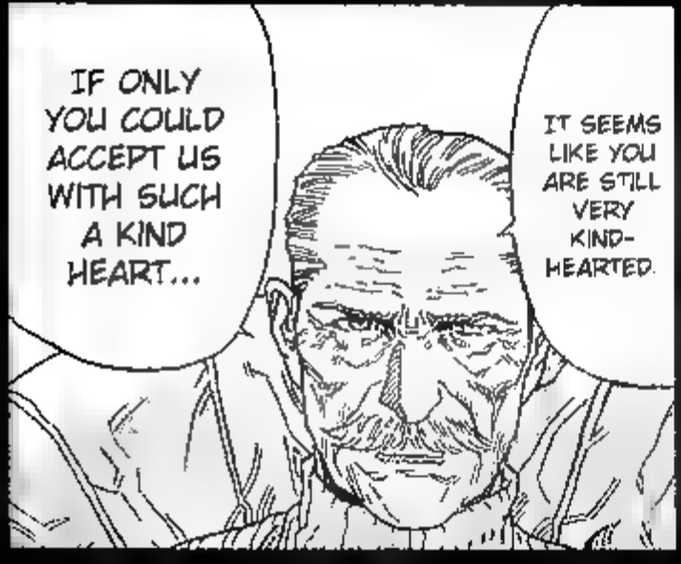
(TO THE FOR-BIDDEN PLACE)

WHY WAS AUNTIE -
KILLED!?

SO THAT'S YOUR FIRST QUESTION
RATHER THAN ABOUT THE SUPER-NATURAL THINGS YOU SAW, YOU'RE ASKING ABOUT HER FIRST...


IT SEEMS LIKE YOU ARE STILL VERY KIND-HEARTED.
IF ONLY YOU COULD ACCEPT US WITH SUCH A KIND HEART...

DON'T FUCK WITH ME!
WHA-
IT DIDN'T SEEM LIKE YOU'D LISTEN CALMLY
WE'VE HAD TO HANDCUFF YOU TOO.
POWER NOT COMING ?
THE DRUG S NOT LETHAL, DON'T WORRY.

YOU BAS-TARDS YOU ... JUST DO WHAT-EVER YOU WANT ...
ONE THING
ALL THIS VIOLENCE WAS NOT OUR ORIGINAL INTENT.
YOUR EXISTANCE IS NECES-SARY TO US.
I WANT YOU TO UNDER-STAND THIS-
JUST LET ME GET ONE THING STRAIGHT ...
HONESTLY ... I DON'T GET IT...

WHEN SHE APPEARED WITH THE MONSTER, EVEN THOUGH HER BRAINS HAD BEEN BLOWN OUT, SHE WAS STILL ALIVE...
NO WAY THAT COULD HAPPEN..

IT FELT SO REAL, I CAN'T BELIEVE IT WAS A DREAM...
BUT WHEN SHE DIED IN MY ARMS- THE FEELING ...

BUT! HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN WHAT I SAW!?

I'M AFRAID IT WASN'T A DREAM.
.....

I DUNNO WHY YOU'D DO THAT!
JUST TO CONFUSE ME?!
YOU GONNA SAY IT'S A COINCI-DENCE?!
IT'S TOO WEIRD, SEEING THE INSTANT SHE WAS SHOT IN A DREAM!
REALLY...
IT WAS ALL A TRICK, RIGHT?
TELL ME THE TRUTH...

AUNTIE IS STILL ALIVE!
RIGHT!?
THE TRUTH IS-
CAN'T YOU?
YOU CAN EVEN MAKE DREAMS, RIGHT?!
YOU BAS-TARDS CAN DO ANY-THING!

YOU'RE STILL VERY ENERGETIC IT SEEMS.
.....

BRING HIM.
EVERYTHING HAS A PROPER ORDER, ANSWER-ING YOU COMES LATER.
ME
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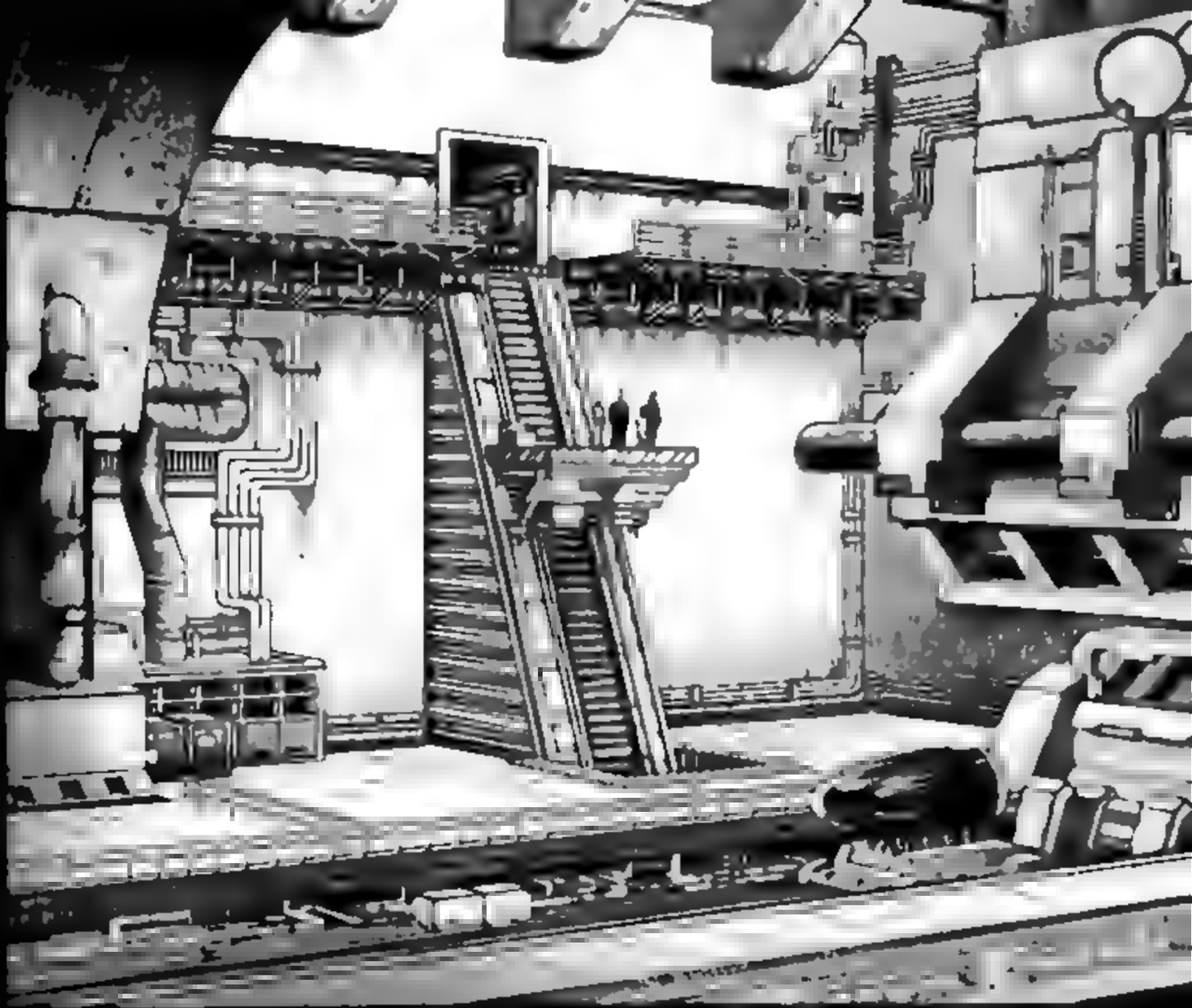

I CAN'T KILL YOU IN THIS CONDITION ANYWAY.
OH WELL, FOR NOW I'LL COME WITH YOU.
YOU'RE SO STUPID. JEEZ...
YOU COULD HAVE ... SAID IT WAS A LIE OR A DREAM.

I'VE THOUGHT UP SOMETHING BETTER THAN KILLING YOU.
BUT DON'T BE TOO RELIEVED NOW,

YEAH... THOSE THINGS DO EXIST.
CHEH... I DON'T HAVE A CLUE...
.....
WHAT DO YOU THINK THEY ARE?
SO FAR YOU'VE ENCOUNTERED MONSTERS THREE TIMES
TWICE IN TOWN AND ONCE IN MY LAB...
NORMALLY, SUCH THINGS CANNOT BE PERMITTED.
THOSE THINGS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO EXIST IN THIS WORLD.
WRONG.
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING, SO IT DOESN'T SEEM "UNUSUAL" TO ME.

IT'S BECAUSE YOU AND THEM HAVE A VERY DEEP CONNECTION.
YOU SHOULD HAVE SOME RECOLLECTION OF SOMETHING THERE.
THE PLACE WE ARE GOING NOW IS THE "ABANDONED LAND" A PLACE WHERE THE MONSTERS ONCE LIVED

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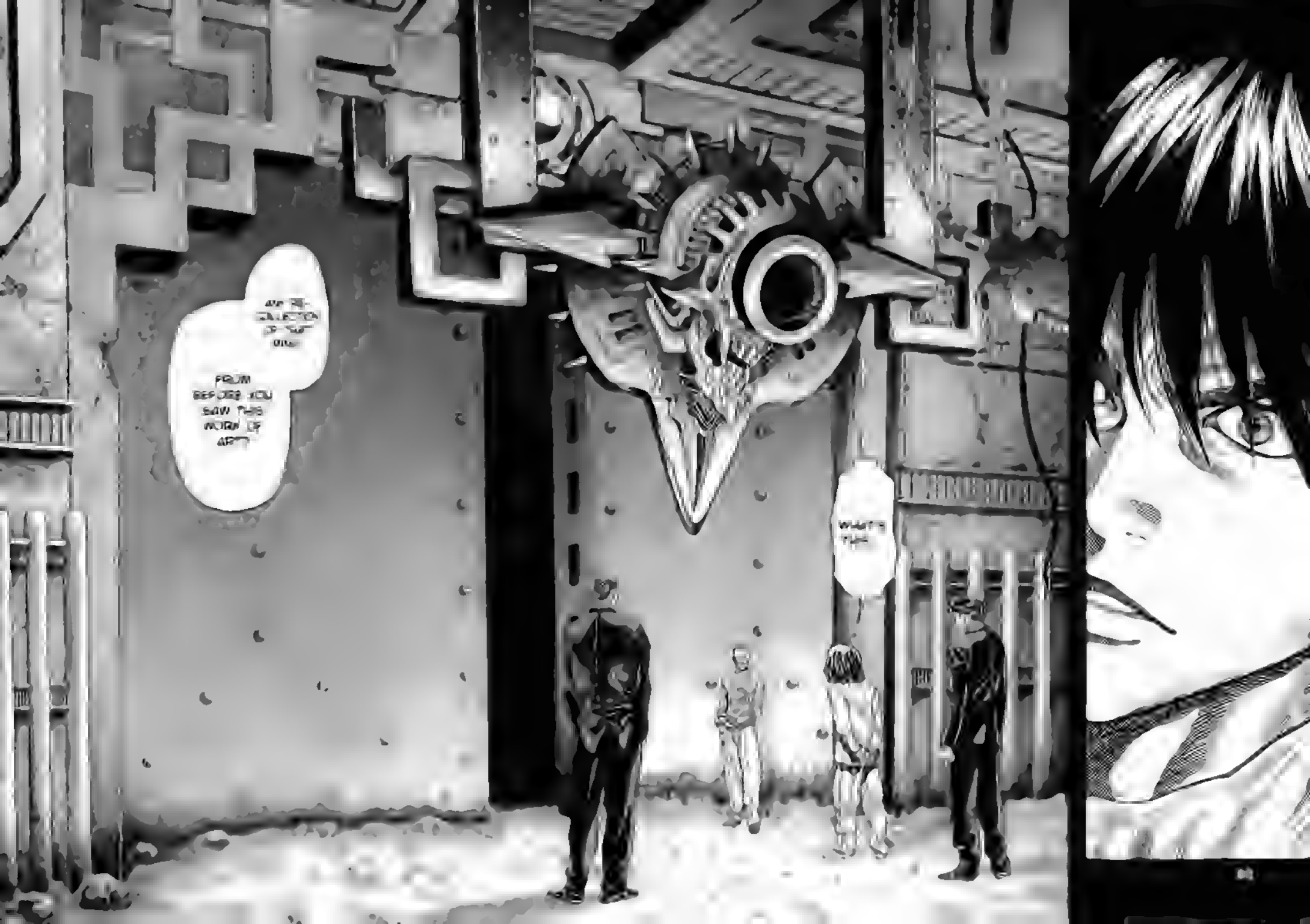
BIT OF A DUMP, ISN'T IT?

NOTHING I RECOGNIZE AT ALL.
IS THERE ANYTHING HERE?
A LITTLE.
HUH? STILL FUR-THER ?!
THE PATH GETS A LITTLE ROUGH FROM HERE
SAR-CASM. HUH?
DEE
I'LL BE SORRY F YOU'RE BURIED ALIVE
DON'T TOUCH ANY-THING

WHAT? IT'S SUDDENLY PITCH DARK
!


FROM BEFORE YOU SAW THIS WORK OF ART?

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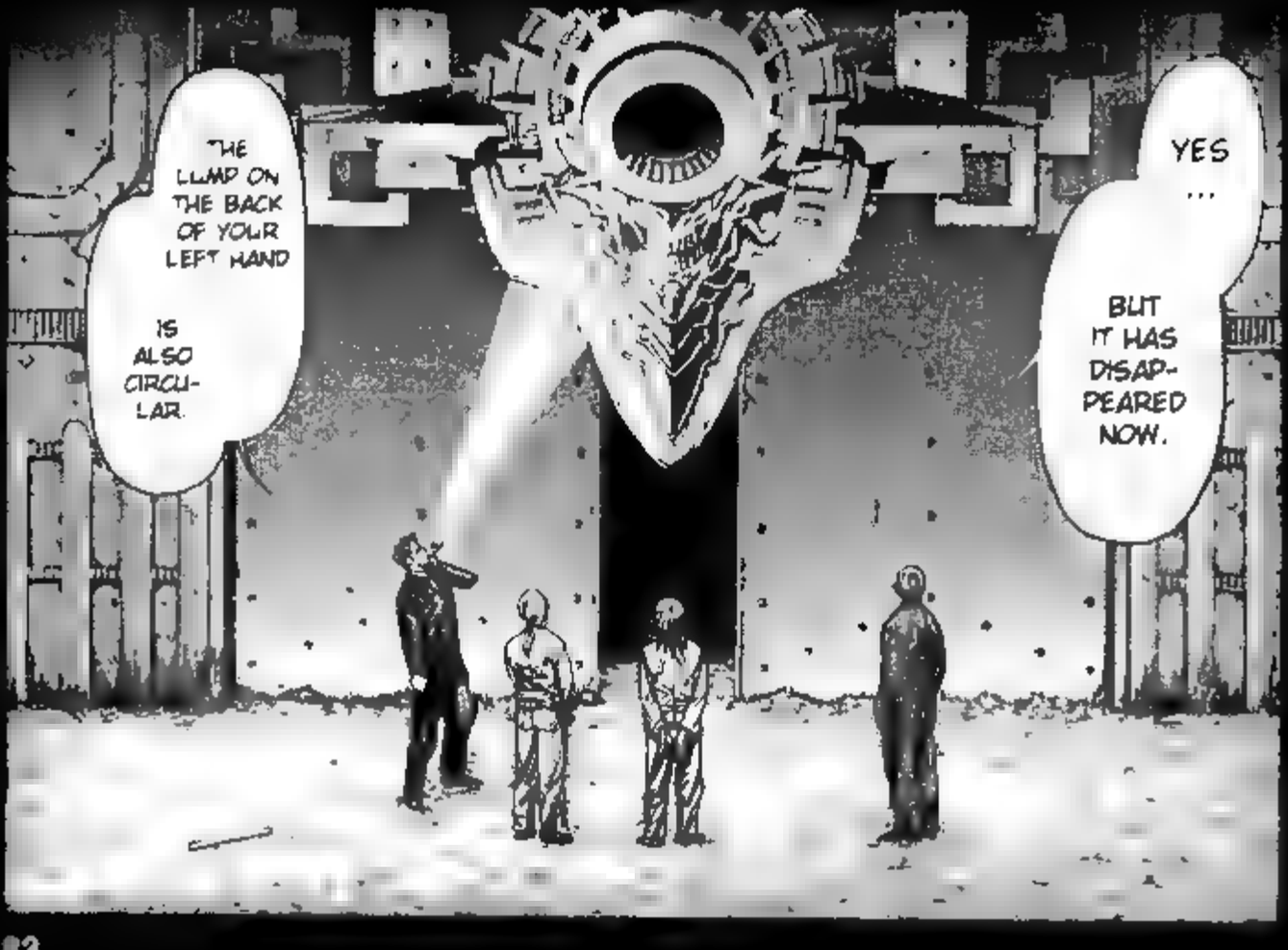


AND THAT THING
THE POWER IT HOLDS IS THE SAME
BECAUSE THEY LACK THE INTELLI-GENCE, THEY ARE UNABLE TO "REVERT" AT WILL
AND PEOPLE THEIR TRUE NATURE IS HIDDEN ON THE "OTHER SIDE"
MIND IF I CONTINUE?
SOME BAS TARDS WHO COULD CHANGE AT WILL

WAIT A MINUTE!
ALL, YOU SAY?
THEY WERE ALL MADE BY YOU BAS-TARDS...?
THAT MEANS ...
REALLY... WHAT IS THIS!?
BUT I CAN'T TAKE ANYMORE OF THIS CRAP!
I THOUGHT I'D TRY LISTENING QUIETLY 'TIL THE END,
I ALREADY COULDN'T FORGIVE YOU FOR MAKING AUNTIE INTO THAT TYPE OF MONSTER...

WAS YOU TOO!
THE ONE WHO KILLED GRANDPA,

IF I'D HADN'T MADE THOSE GRANDPA MONSTERS WOULDN'T 'VE DIED!
THERE'S NO WAY I'M COOPERATING WITH YOU GUYS!
SFX: HAA
HEH... DON'T BOTHER EXPLAINING ANY MORE.

DO YOU REALLY NEED ME THAT BADLY?
WE REALLY DO NEED YOU!
YOU CAN DECIDE WHETHER TO COOPERATE AFTER THAT.
CALM DOWN AT LEAST LISTEN TO EVERYTHING WE HAVE TO SAY.
YOU'RE OUR LAST HOPE.
YES, TO US ...
HEARING THAT, I'VE MADE UP MY MIND.
HEH ...
!

LEAVE HIM.
STOP IT!
?

THIS PROVES THE POWER LIVES ON!

MY HEART ...
IT HURTS
MY CHEST

GUAA!

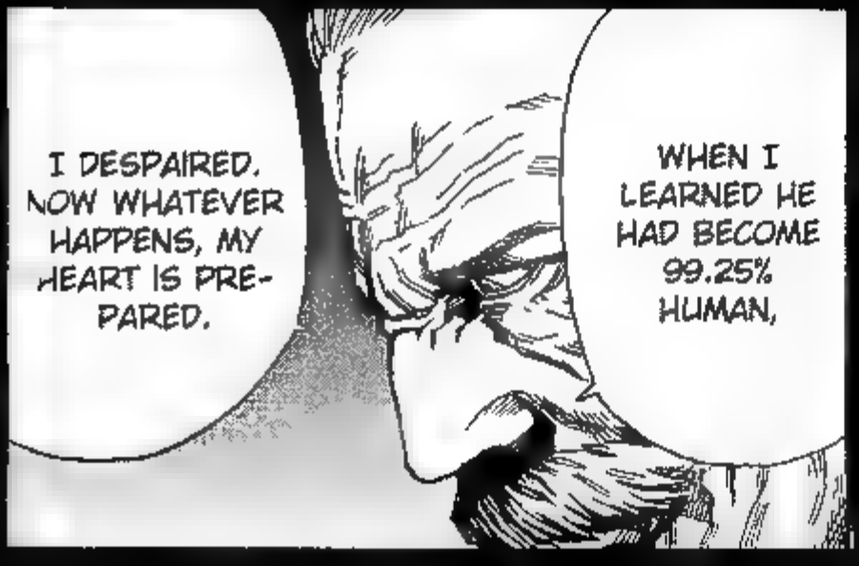
SUICIDE EH

LOOK! THE MISSING LUMP IS REAP-PEARING!
AARGH ...!
MORE IMPOR-TANTLY CHAIRMAN HE'S REALLY SUFFER-ING RIGHT NOW IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING HE MIGHT DIE
THAT MAN PLEASE GET HIM

WOAH!
KRAK

CHAIRMAN! SO CASU-ALLY..
HAHAHA INCREDIBLE SMASHING THE RING OF AWA-KENING.

BUT WE COULDN'T PREDICT WHAT WOULD HAPPEN WITHOUT DOING THIS.
I KNEW THAT THERE WERE ONLY 0.75% OF THE ZET CELLS REMAINING.

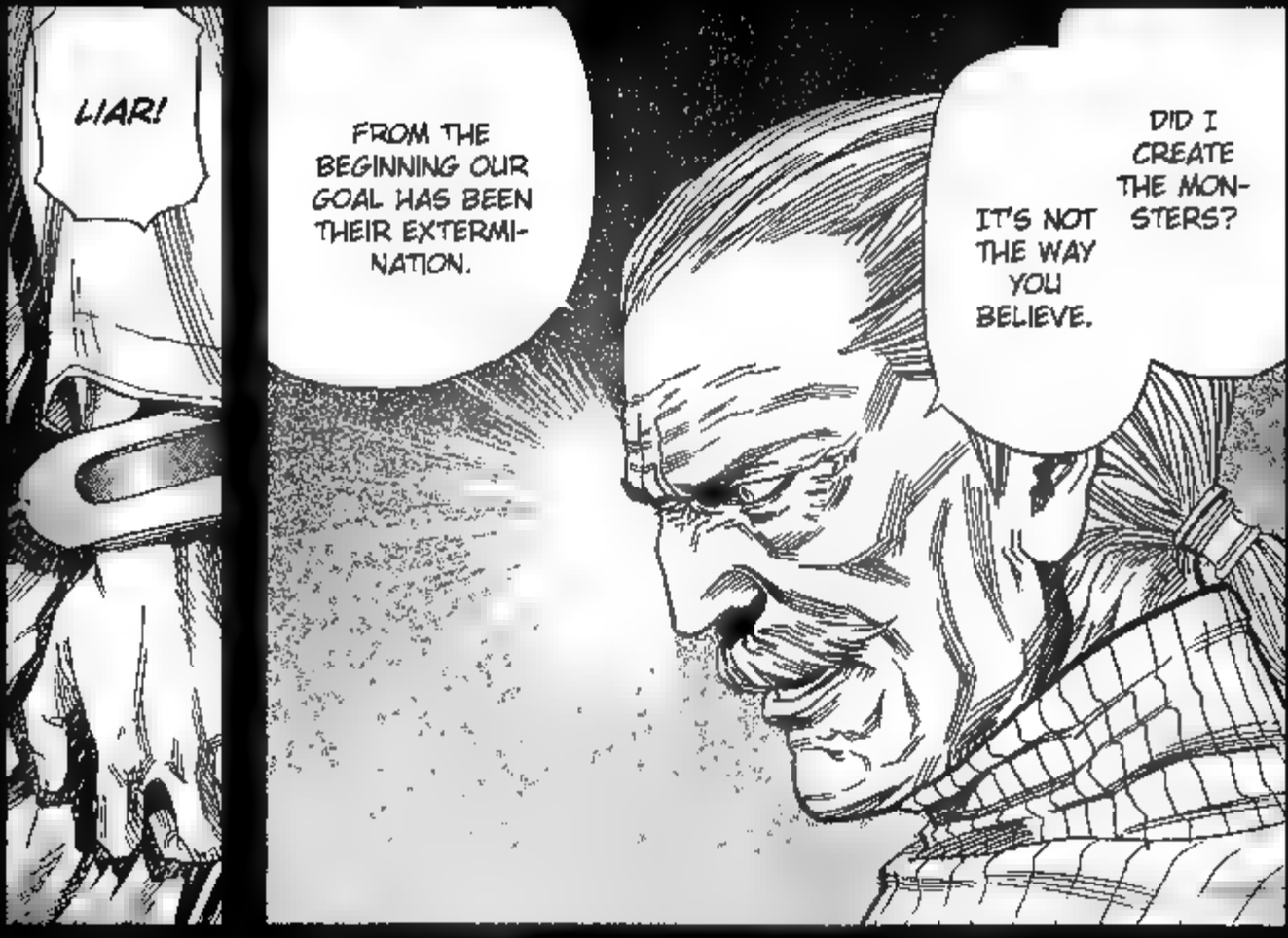

I DESPAIRED. NOW WHATEVER HAPPENS, MY HEART IS PRE-PARED.
WHEN I LEARNED HE HAD BECOME 99.25% HUMAN,

I DON'T REALLY LIKE WORDS LIKE "RISK" OR "GAMBLE" BUT

IT WOULD BE FATE.
IF I WERE TO DIE HERE ...
I COULDN'T DIE
DAMN
DAMN IT
YOU PISS ME OFF
THAT ALONE IS UNACCEPTABLE!
AND TAKING YOUR OWN LIFE IS OUT OF THE QUESTION!
THAT'S RIGHT! YOUR SURVIVAL IS FATE.

SFX: HAA, HAA, HAA - PANTING
I'LL DEF-NITELY KILL MYSELF
CAN I STAND BEING USED BY YOU GUYS?

HUH... BE ANNOYED!
REALLY... BEING INTER-RUPTED MID-SPEECH IS EXTREMELY ANNOYING


LIAR!
FROM THE BEGINNING OUR GOAL HAS BEEN THEIR EXTERMI-NATION.
DID I CREATE THE MON-STERS?
IT'S NOT THE WAY YOU BELIEVE.

WHY DO YOU THINK YOUR LEFT HAND HAS SOME THING SIMILAR TO THE RING OF AWARENESS?
THINK
YOU CAN STAND ?
MR.
THAT'S FINE
YOU RE SO FULL OF CRAP JUST SAY IT!
BEFORE YOU SEE PAST THIS DOOR
LET'S TALK A LITTLE MORE ABOUT MASTERS

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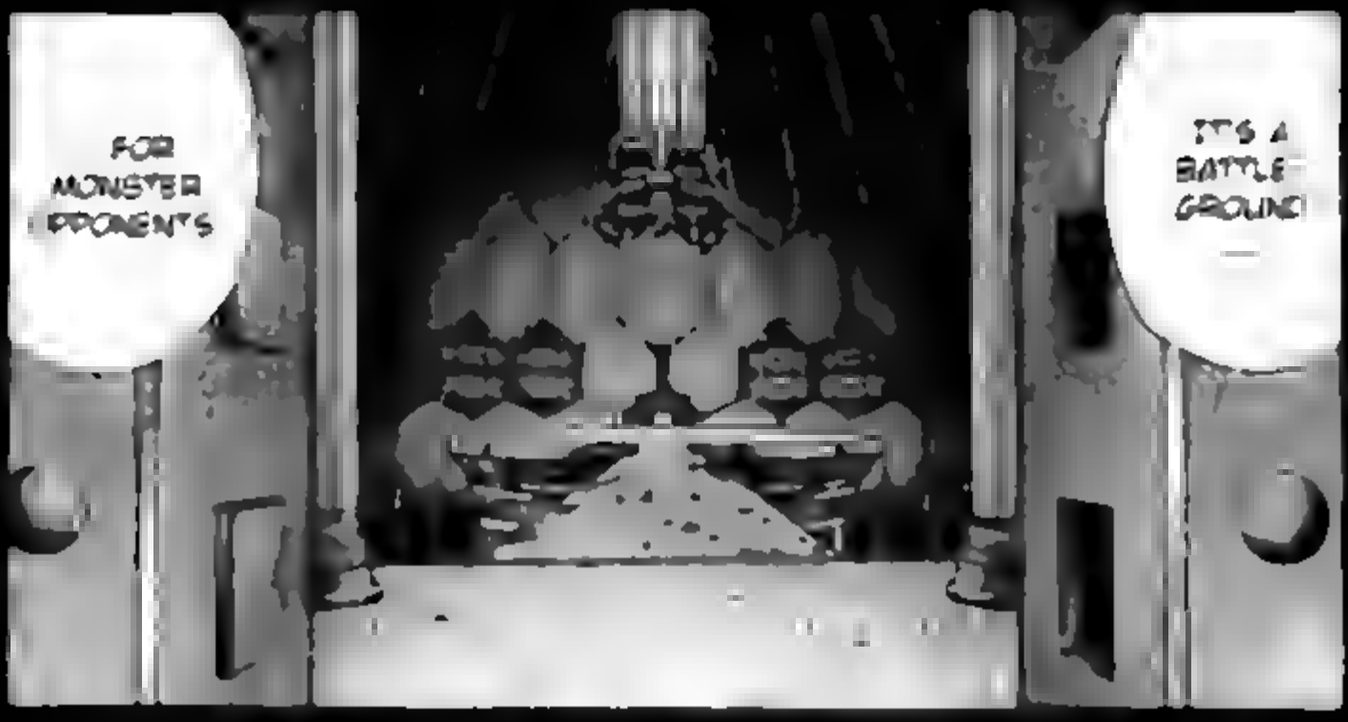
(LIFE WITH A MISSION)



THE MONSTERS ...
...ARE CALLED "PLAYERS", AREN'T THEY?

HEY, YOU SPEAK LIKE IT'S NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU SO HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT STUFF?
SOUNDS LIKE YOU WERE THERE

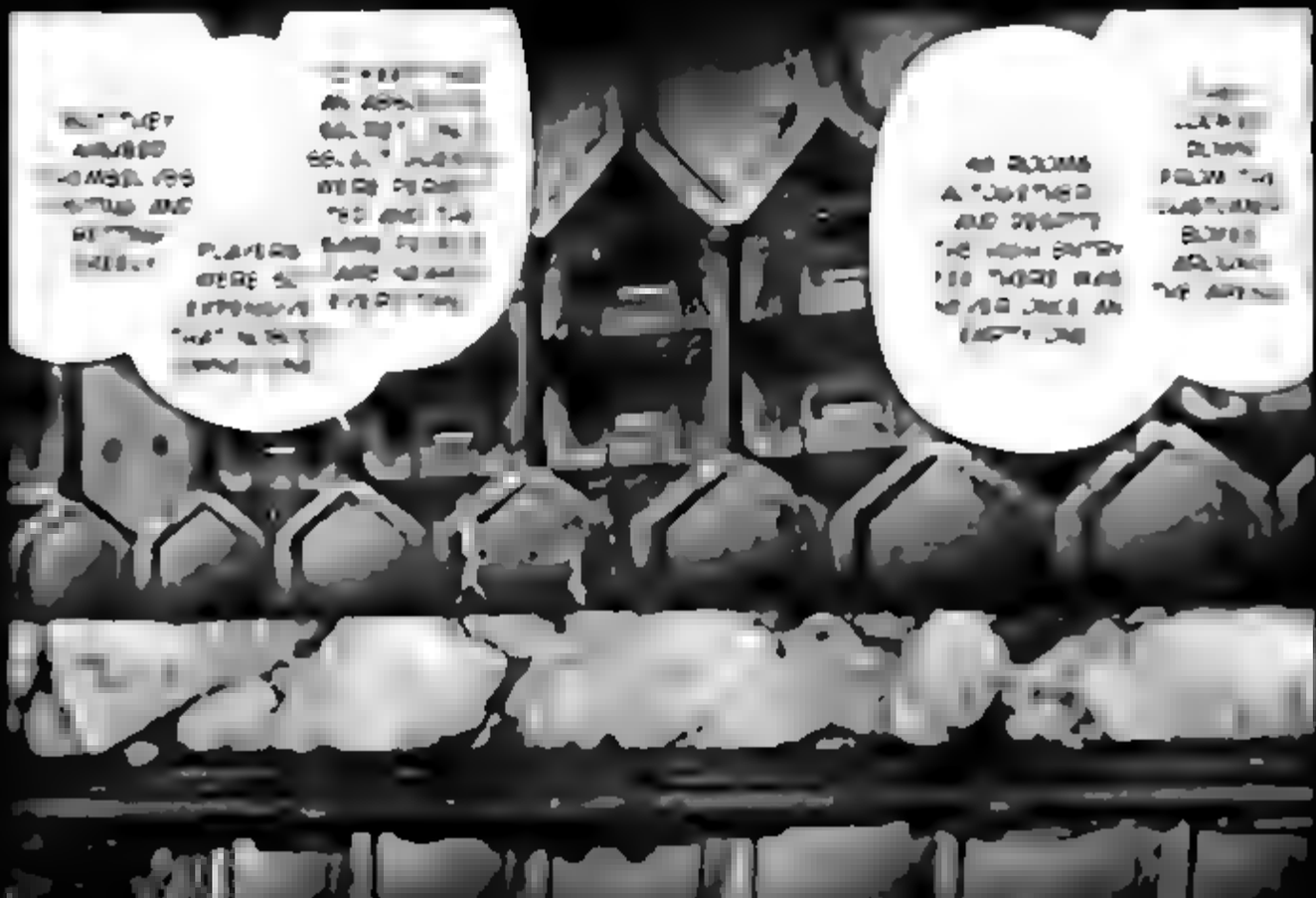
PLAYERS

IT WAS RUN BY MY COMPANY AFTER ALL
I KNEW IT WAS YOU!

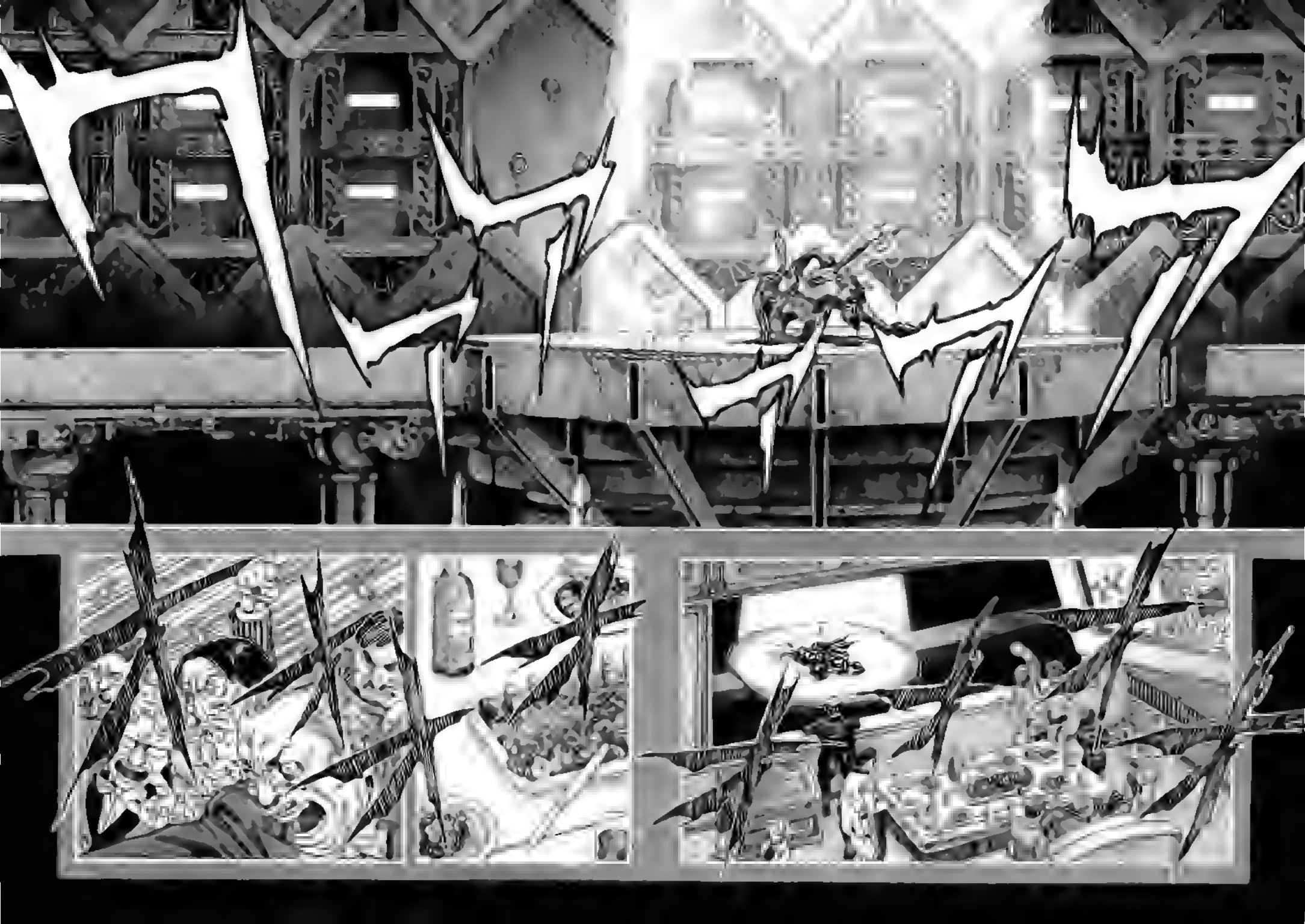
SAID YOU DIDN'T MAKE THOSE MONSTERS
BASTARD YOU JUST
UGH!
BUT... I DIDN'T SAY I HAD NO CONNECTION AT ALL.
AH, THAT'S RIGHT. I DIDN'T.
IT'S TOO COMPLICATED FOR A SINGLE WORD TO EXPRESS IT WOULD MAKE THINGS EVEN MORE COMPLICATED
PERHAPS IT SOUNDS LIKE A FALSEHOOD BUT
THAT'S A KID'S EXCUSE
AND?
AT THAT TIME I...

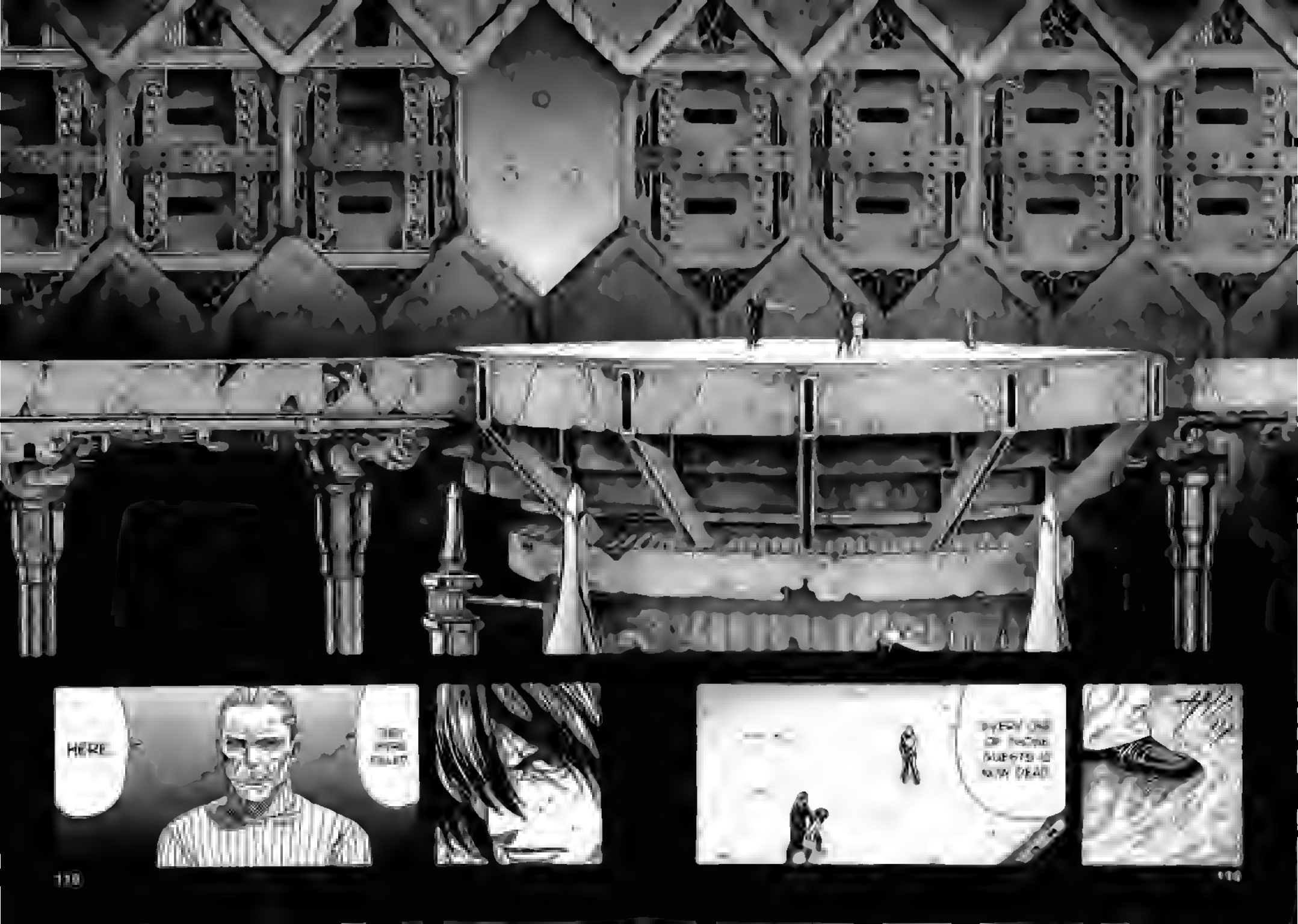
REGARDING THE "DISPOSAL" OF JIROU NAKATA...
EXTINGUISHING THAT INTELLECT WOULD BE A SHAME.
WON'T YOU ENTRUST HIM TO ME?
FOR WHAT PURPOSE?
WHAT HE'S TRYING TO CREATE IS FAR FROM A NET, NOTHING BUT MONSTERS.
NO MATTER HIS GENIUS, HE'S OF NO FURTHER USE.
WELL . PERHAPS WE CAN USE SOMETHING OTHER THAN A NET..
.....
OH ...?
THE NET PROJECT WILL REQUIRE MUCH MORE TIME AND TREMENDOUS EXPENSES
BUT DIVERTING COMPANY MONEY IS BECOMING MORE AND MORE DIFFICULT.
WE MUST SOMEHOW RAISE THE FUNDS TO CONTINUE THE PROJECT.

REAL STICALLY SPEAKING IT SEEMED BEST
IT WAS A LAST RESORT TO SAVE BOTH MY DREAM AND THE COMPANY
ACCORDING TO KABE
THAT'S WHY I CAST OFF THAT SELF.
I BELIEVE THE ME THAT GAVE PERMISSION BACK THEN IS FULLY TO BLAME.
THIS PLACE WAS BUSIER THAN IMAGINED.
IN THE WORLDS OF POLITICS AND FINANCE THERE ARE MANY CURIOUS PEOPLE WITH MONEY
THEN YOU DEAL WITH IT YOURSELF



BUT THEN CAME A TERRIBLE FEAST

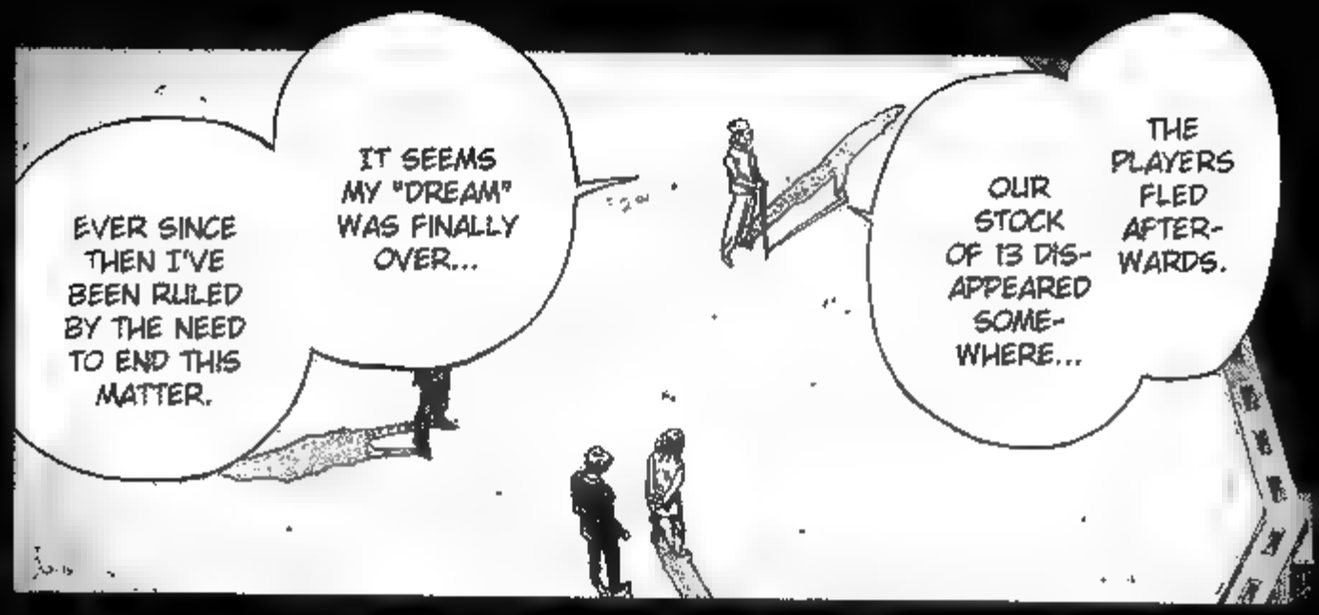



HERE

THE PLAYER ENTERS THE ARENA!
AAAH!

WERE KILLED LIKE WORMS...
BY THE AWAKENED PLAYERS.
ON THAT DAY, 100 TO PEOPLE WERE...
ONE AFTER ANOTHER THEY ATTACKED.
AN INCONCEIVABLE THING HAPPENED.
THE PLAYERS GAINED SELF-AWARENESS.

THERE WERE NO SURVIVORS


EVER SINCE THEN I'VE BEEN RULED BY THE NEED TO END THIS MATTER.
IT SEEMS MY "DREAM" WAS FINALLY OVER...
OUR STOCK OF 13 DISAPPEARED SOMEWHERE...
THE PLAYERS FLED AFTERWARDS.

THE FRUIT OF MY LABOURS WAS THE BIRTH OF A SINGLE CHILD.
AND ...!
ALL MY EFFORTS HAVE GONE INTO CREATING A HUNTER TO DO JUST THAT.
EVERY LAST PLAYER MUST BE FOUND AND DESTROYED!

MY BRIGHT MOOD DIDN'T LAST FOR LONG..
BUT ...

MY DELIGHT THEN WAS GREATER THAN WHEN MY GRANDCHILDREN WERE BORN

KAN-
ZAKI!
LET'S
LEAVE
TOGETHER!

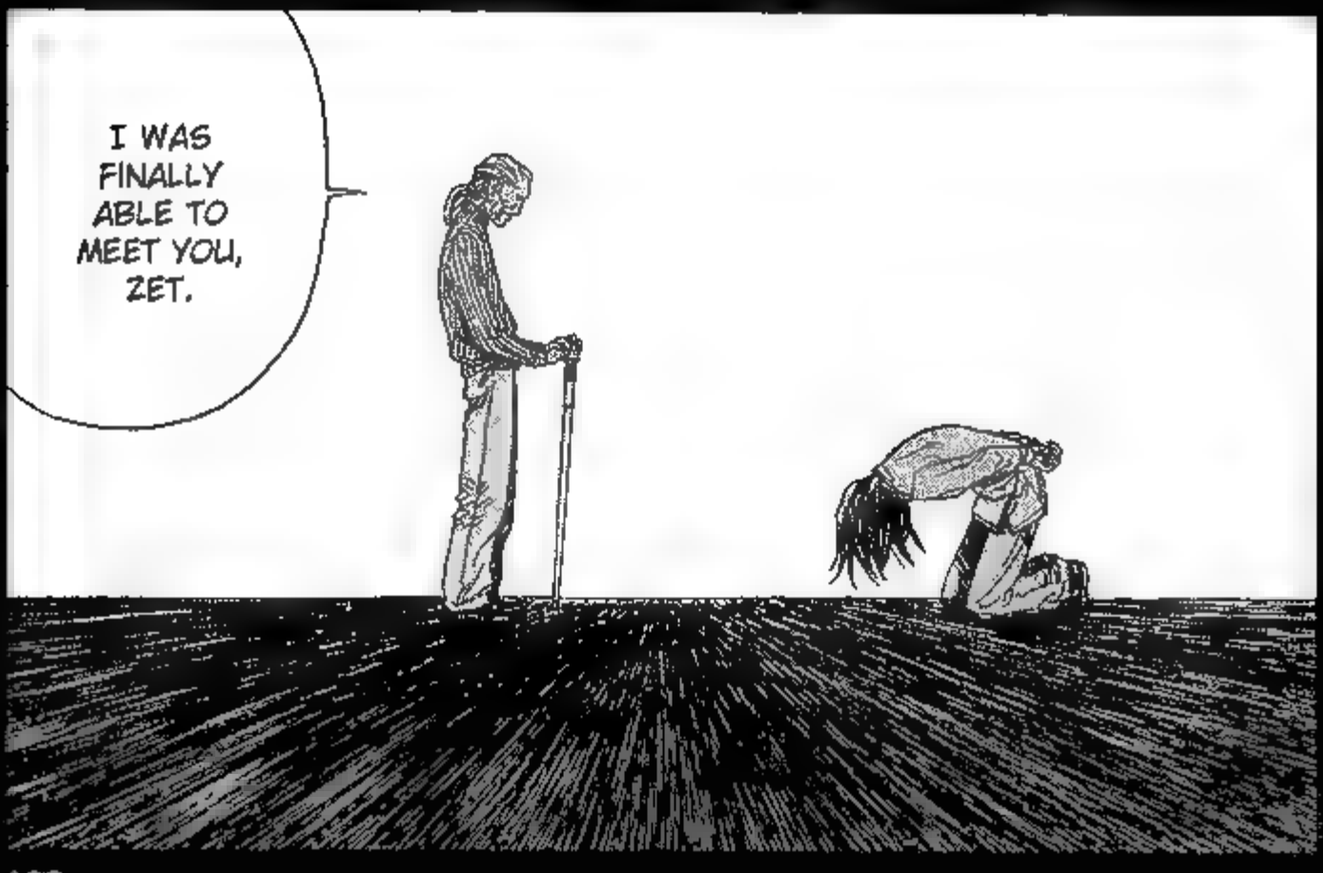
IN THE CURRENT TURN OF EVENTS, SHOULDN'T WE ASSUME RESPONSI-BILITY FOR THIS!?
PLAYER IS A TOOL CREATED BY US!
BUT WE MUST STOP THEM FROM SLAUGH-TERING INNOCENT PEOPLE!
...THOSE WHO MESSED WITH AND GAVE PLAYER THEIR NAMESAKE DID GET WHAT THEY DESERVED!
THAT THING DOESN'T BELONG TO YOU ALONE!
WAKE UP!
KAN ZAK!
IT'S NOT A CREATION AND IT'S NOT A PLAYER! IT IS MY SON!
YOU'RE WRONG!
THIS CHILD IS MY SON!

KAN-
ZA-
KI?
THE OLD HOMELESS MAN YOU KNEW SO WELL
?? SHOULD BE A FAMILIAR NAME
GOROU KANZAKI.
THE MAN WHO MADE THE HUNTER WITH THE "RING OF AWAKENING" ON ITS LEFT HAND

HE'S YOUR FATHER.
WHA ...

OF COURSE, I THOUGHT YOU'D NOTICED BUT YOU'RE NOT A NORMAL HUMAN.
WH... WHAT?
WHAT THE HELL?

THIS IS THE REASON WE NEED YOU.


I WAS FINALLY ABLE TO MEET YOU, ZET.

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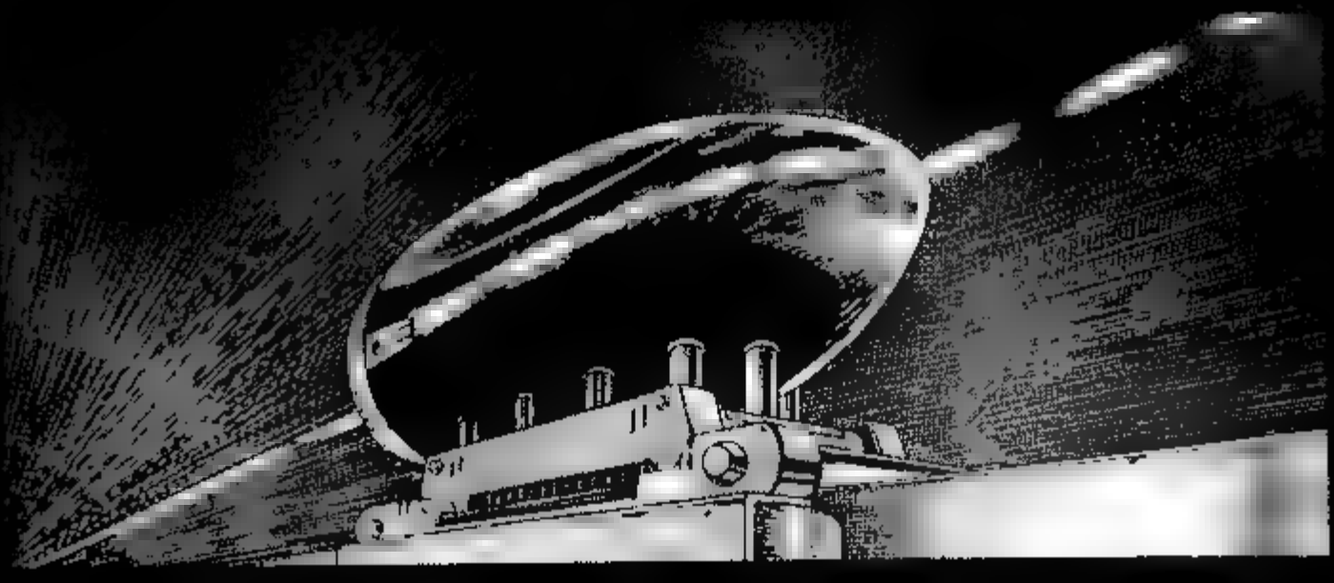

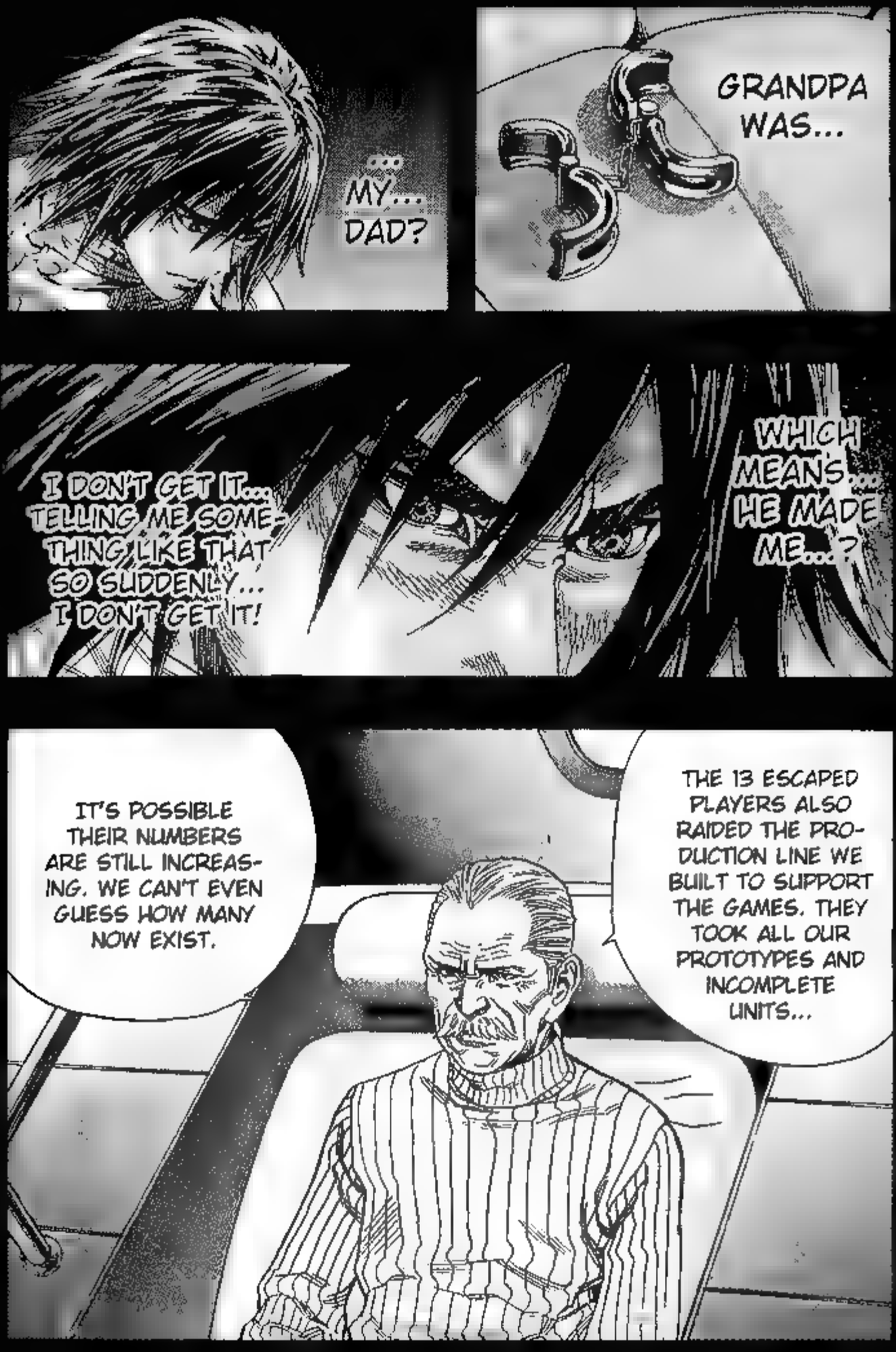
...MY... DAD?
GRANDPA WAS...
I DON'T GET IT... TELLING ME SOMETHING LIKE THAT SO SUDDENLY... I DON'T GET IT!
WHICH MEANS... HE MADE ME...?
IT'S POSSIBLE THEIR NUMBERS ARE STILL INCREASING. WE CAN'T EVEN GUESS HOW MANY NOW EXIST.
THE 13 ESCAPED PLAYERS ALSO RAIDED THE PRODUCTION LINE WE BUILT TO SUPPORT THE GAMES. THEY TOOK ALL OUR PROTOTYPES AND INCOMPLETE UNITS...

CONVERSELY, THIS FRIGHTENS ME.
BUT THEY'RE KEEPING MYSTERIOUSLY QUIET
JUST OCCASIONALLY THERE'S AN INCIDENT WHERE ONE LOSES CONTROL.
FOR SOME REASON THEY'RE PASSING THEMSELVES OFF AS HUMAN, BLENDING INTO SOCIETY AND LIVING PEACEFUL LIVES

I DUNNO.
THAT'S WHY .. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE..
THERE IS NO MISTAKING THE THREAT THEY POSE TO MANKIND

ZET ...
I DON'T GIVE A SHIT ABOUT MANKIND.
MAYBE I SHOULD BE ON THE PLAYERS' SIDE?

MY NAME IS "JIN"!
.....
KANZAK! CREATED YOU TO BE AN ALLY TO MANKIND.
SAYING SUCH A THING WOULD CAUSE HIM PAIN... "JIN"-KUN
I WON'T FORCE YOU. I'LL WAIT UNTIL YOU'RE CONVINCED.
ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN IN MORE DETAIL WHEN WE GET BACK.
BUT BEFORE THAT THERE'S ONE MORE PLACE I'D LIKE TO TAKE YOU

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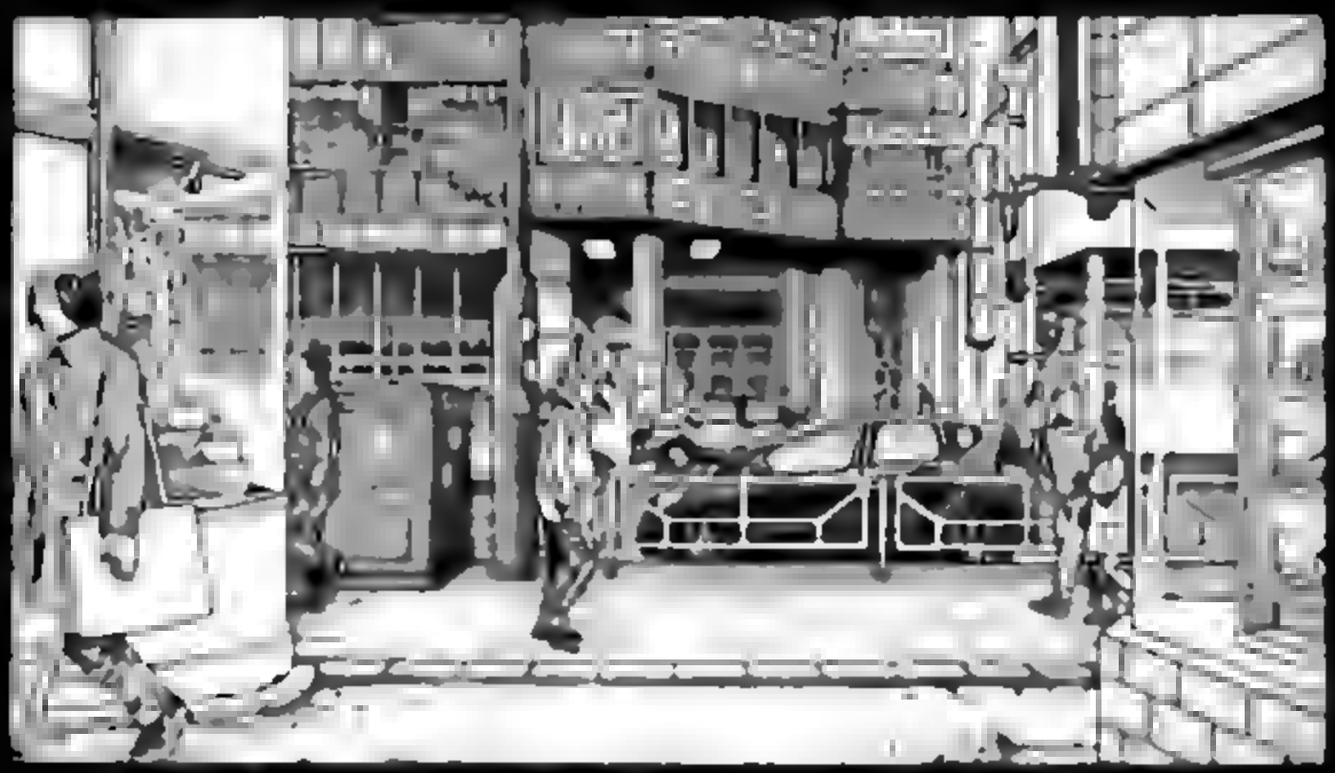
NODA



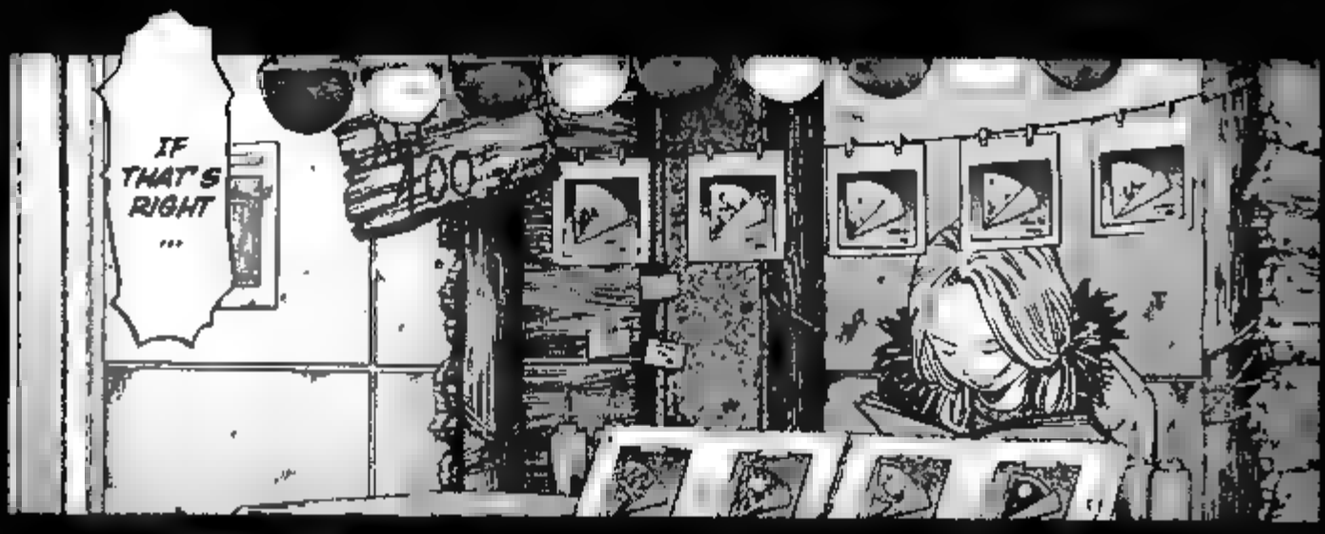
ALRIGHT THEN, THIS ONE...
OH, I'M SORRY THAT ONE'S SOLD OUT!

RIGHT, LETS CALL IT 300 YEN.
YEP.
THAT OKAY?
SORRY

.....
THANK YOU!~ ♡
UH ...

SHE'S ALI-VE!
...ALI-VE!
AUN-TIE IS...
OH ...

OOH ...
UH, UH ..
I'M SORRY FOR DE-CEIVING YOU.
YOUR DREAM AND THE WOMAN YOU MET IN THE LAB WERE OUR CREATIONS.
I'LL EXPLAIN IN DETAIL WHEN WE GET BACK

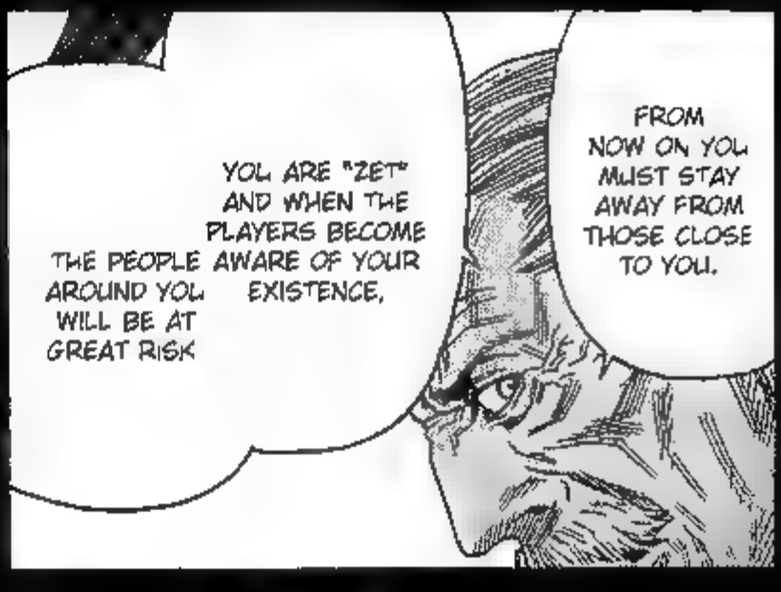


SFX: RU (WINDOW WINDING)

SHE WOULD KNOW THE THINGS I TOLD HER WERE FAKE.
IF SHE SAW YOU LOOKING LIKE THAT SHE'D CONVINCE YOU THIS CONVERSATION WAS ALL NONSENSE
I WE.. UNDERSTAND YOUR SUSPICION BUT I CAN'T LET YOU MEET HER RIGHT NOW

SINCE... POOR THING, HER SON IS WITH HER EX-HUSBAND, SO WE PROPOSED THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO PAY FOR THE COURT AND LAWYER COSTS TO GET HIM BACK...
THERE'S BEEN NO REPLY FROM HER YET.
I TOLD HER YOUR PARENTS FOUND YOU AND HAVE DECIDED TO BRING YOU BACK INTO THEIR HOME
OF COURSE, SHE WANTED TO SEE YOU, BUT WE'RE STILL HERE BECAUSE I CONVINCED HER OTHERWISE.

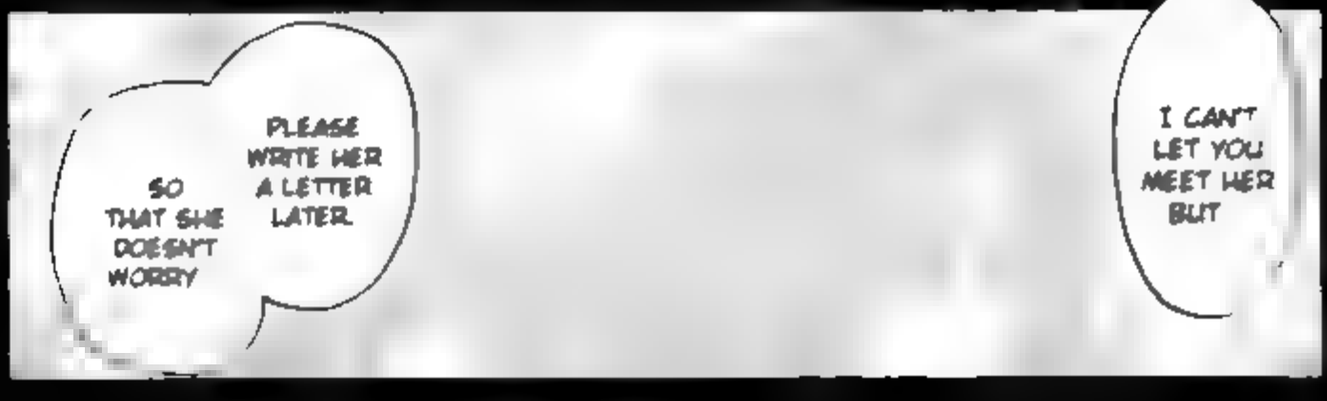
EVERYONE'S WORLD WILL BECOME A FRIGHTENING PLACE.
IF THAT HAPPENS THEN NOT JUST FOR THAT WOMAN...

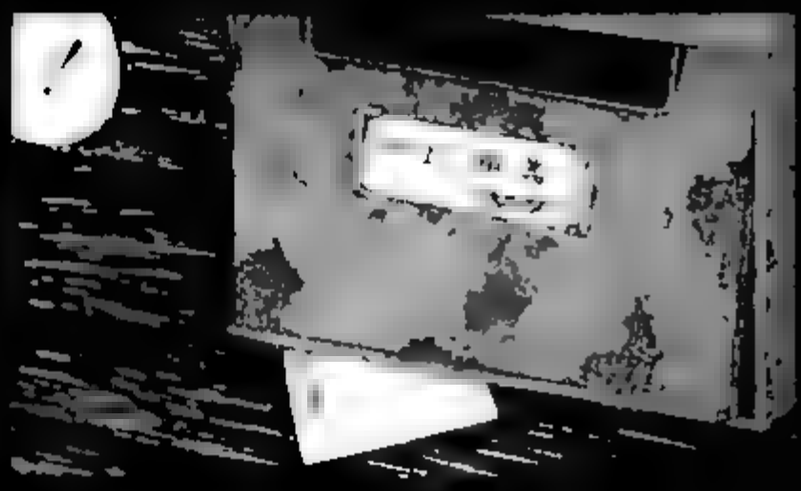

YOU ARE "ZET" AND WHEN THE PLAYERS BECOME AWARE OF YOUR EXISTENCE,
THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU WILL BE AT GREAT RISK
FROM NOW ON YOU MUST STAY AWAY FROM THOSE CLOSE TO YOU.

I DON'T WANT TO BE "ZET" OR ANY-THING THEN.
NO WAY ...

GYAAA!

...YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU MIGHT BE KILLED...
EVEN IN JUST THE HUMAN WORLD


I CAN'T LET YOU MEET HER BUT
PLEASE WRITE HER A LETTER LATER
SO THAT SHE DOESN'T WORRY



HOW'S IT GOING AUNTIE?
Jin

A FAIR BIT OF STUFF HAPPENED AND I'M NOT SETTLED YET
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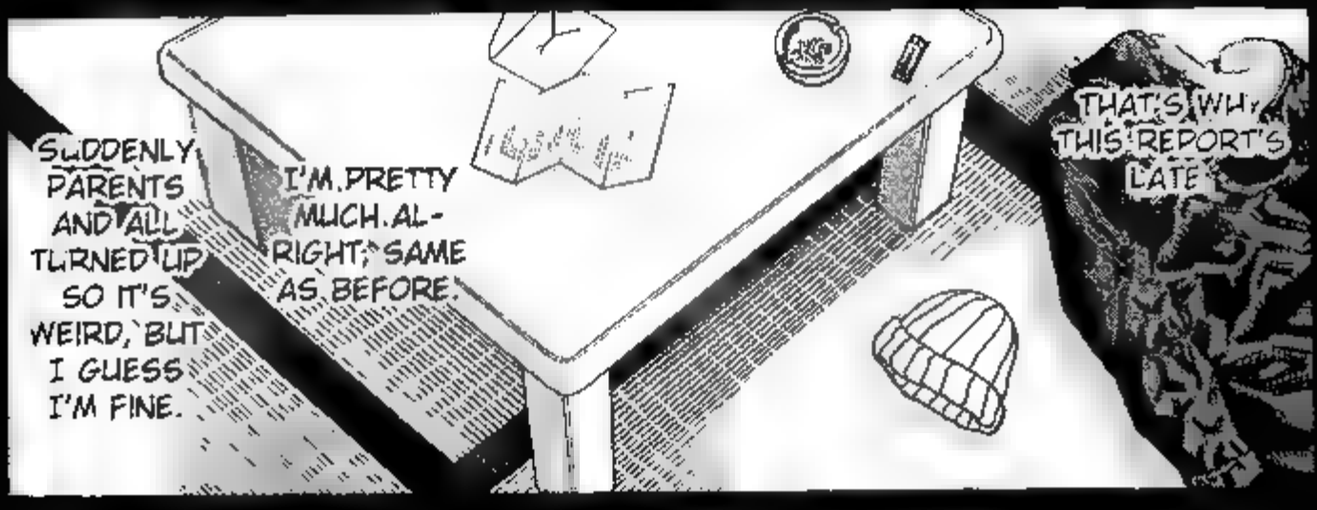
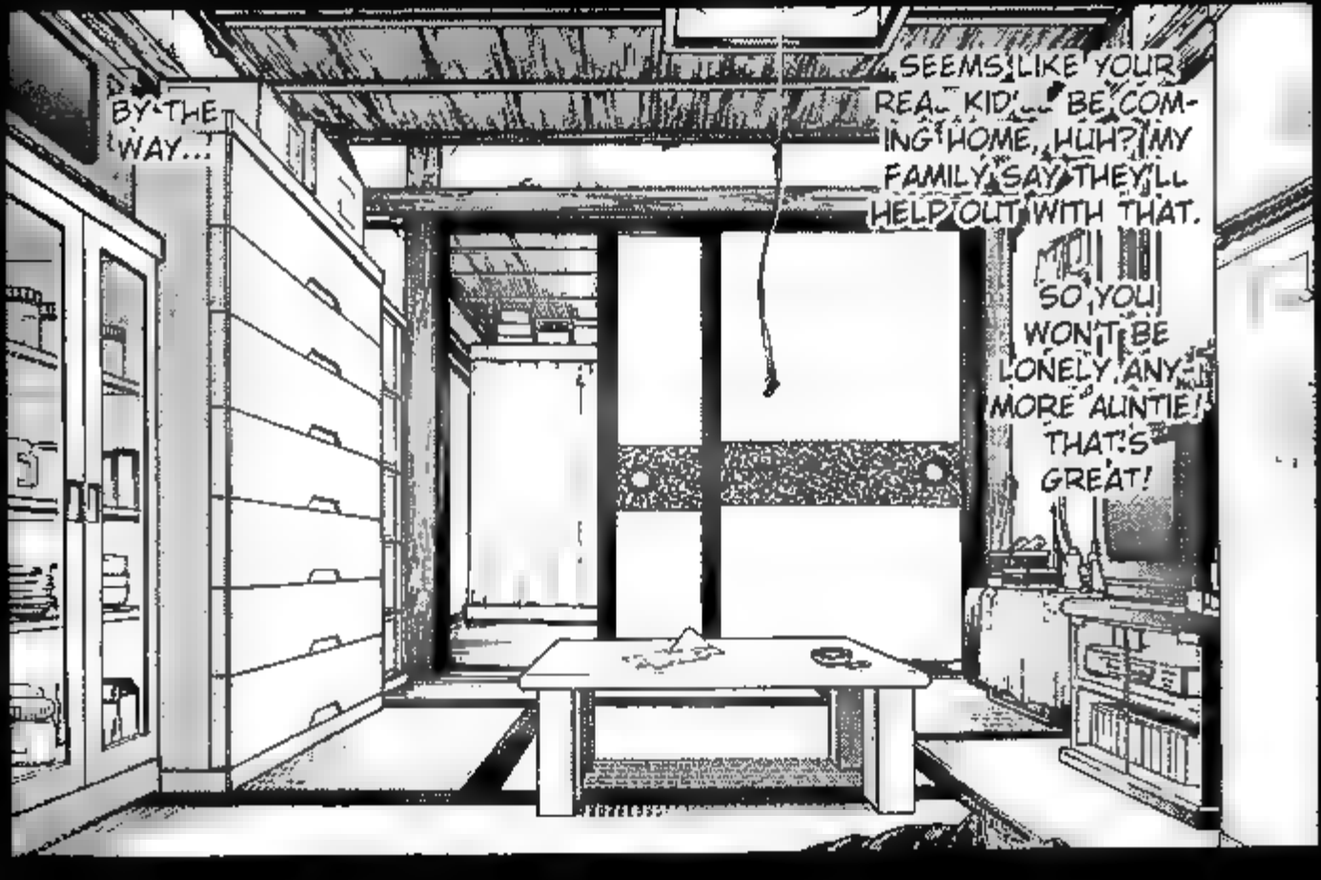
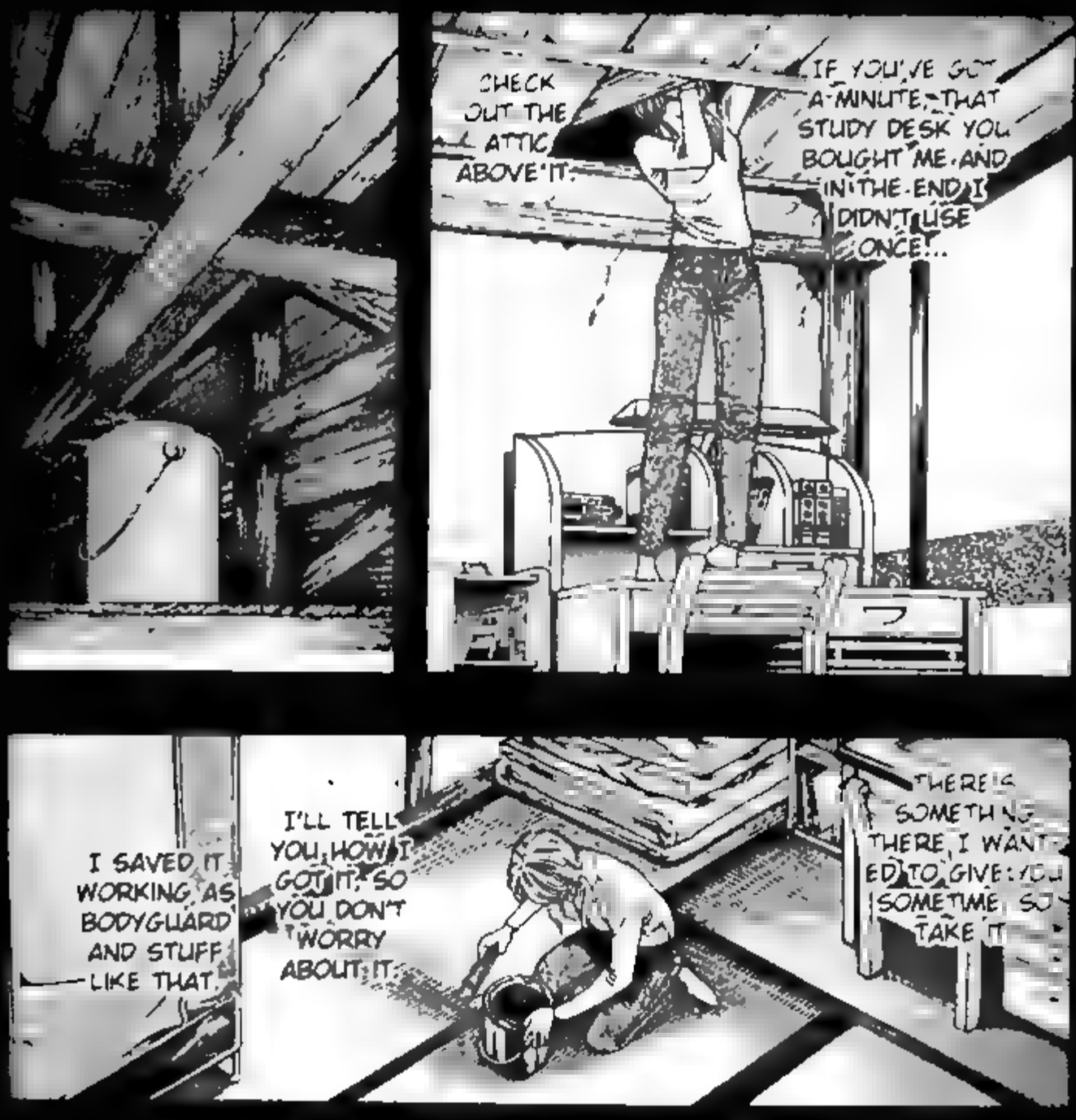
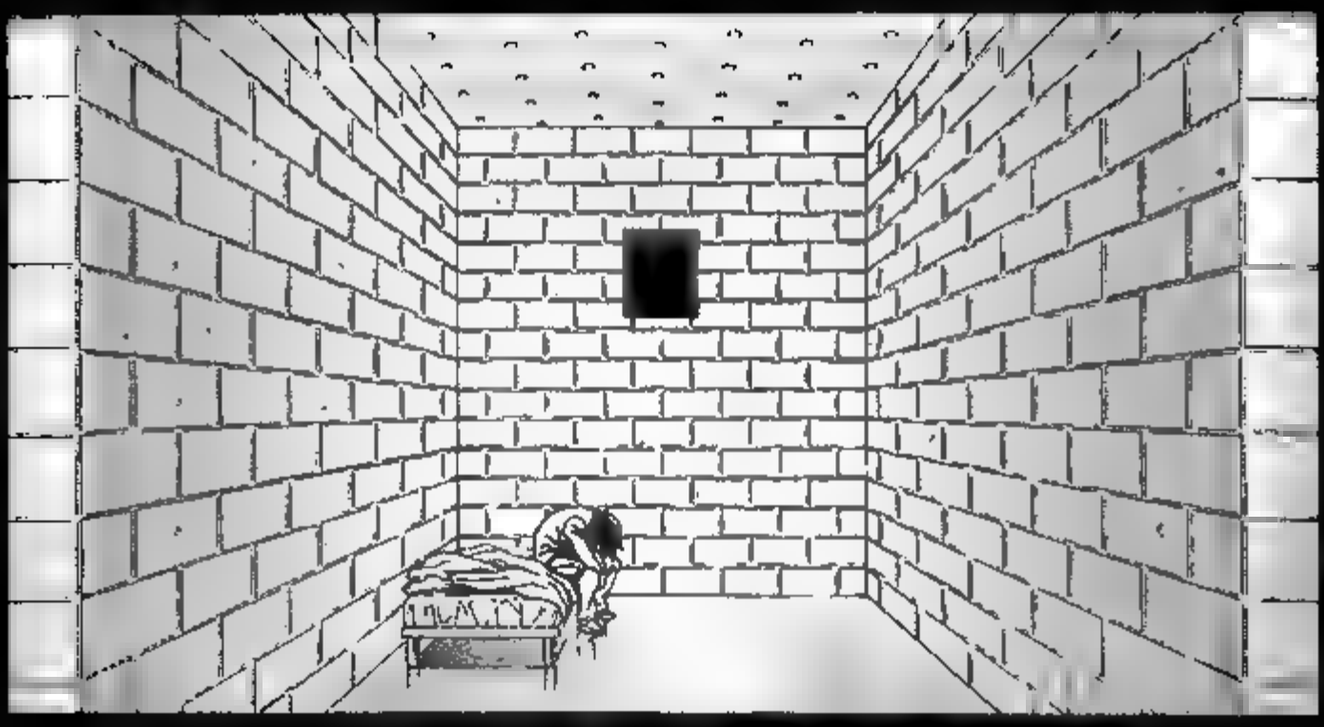
SORRY TO DISAPPEAR SO SUDDENLY


SUDDENLY PARENTS AND ALL TURNED UP SO IT'S WEIRD, BUT I GUESS I'M FINE.
I'M PRETTY MUCH AL-RIGHT, SAME AS BEFORE.
THAT'S WH, THIS REPORT'S LATE


BY THE WAY...
SEEMS LIKE YOUR REAL KID'S BE COMING HOME, HUH? MY FAMILY SAY THEY'LL HELP OUT WITH THAT.
SO YOU WON'T BE LONELY ANY MORE AUNTIE! THAT'S GREAT!


CHECK OUT THE ATTIC ABOVE IT.
IF YOU'VE GOT A MINUTE, THAT STUDY DESK YOU BOUGHT ME AND IN THE END I DIDN'T USE ONCE...
I SAVED IT WORKING AS BODYGUARD AND STUFF LIKE THAT.
I'LL TELL YOU HOW I GOT IT, SO YOU DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
THERE IS SOMETHING THERE I WANTED TO GIVE YOU SOMETIME, SO TAKE IT.
IT AIN'T ENOUGH YET, I KNOW.



WHEN ALL THINGS ARE LOOKING DOWN YOU'VE GOT TO LOOK UP!

THANKS SO MUCH.

- JIN

ID... IOT

THAT'S CHEEKY!

...LIVING WITH YOU AUNTIE, I WAS SO HAPPY! I DON'T KNOW HOW TO SAY IT RIGHT BUT I WAS SO INCRED-IBLY HAPPY!

THAT AND...

HEY.

WILL I BE ABLE TO PROTECT MY IMPORTANT PEOPLE?
IF I BECOME ZET...

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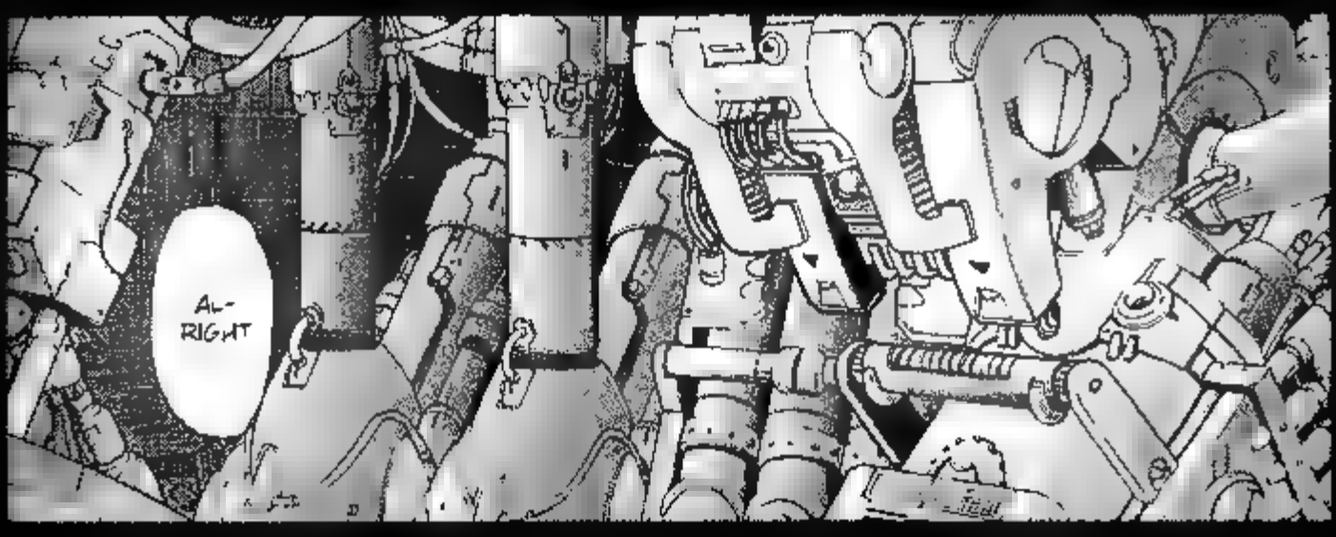
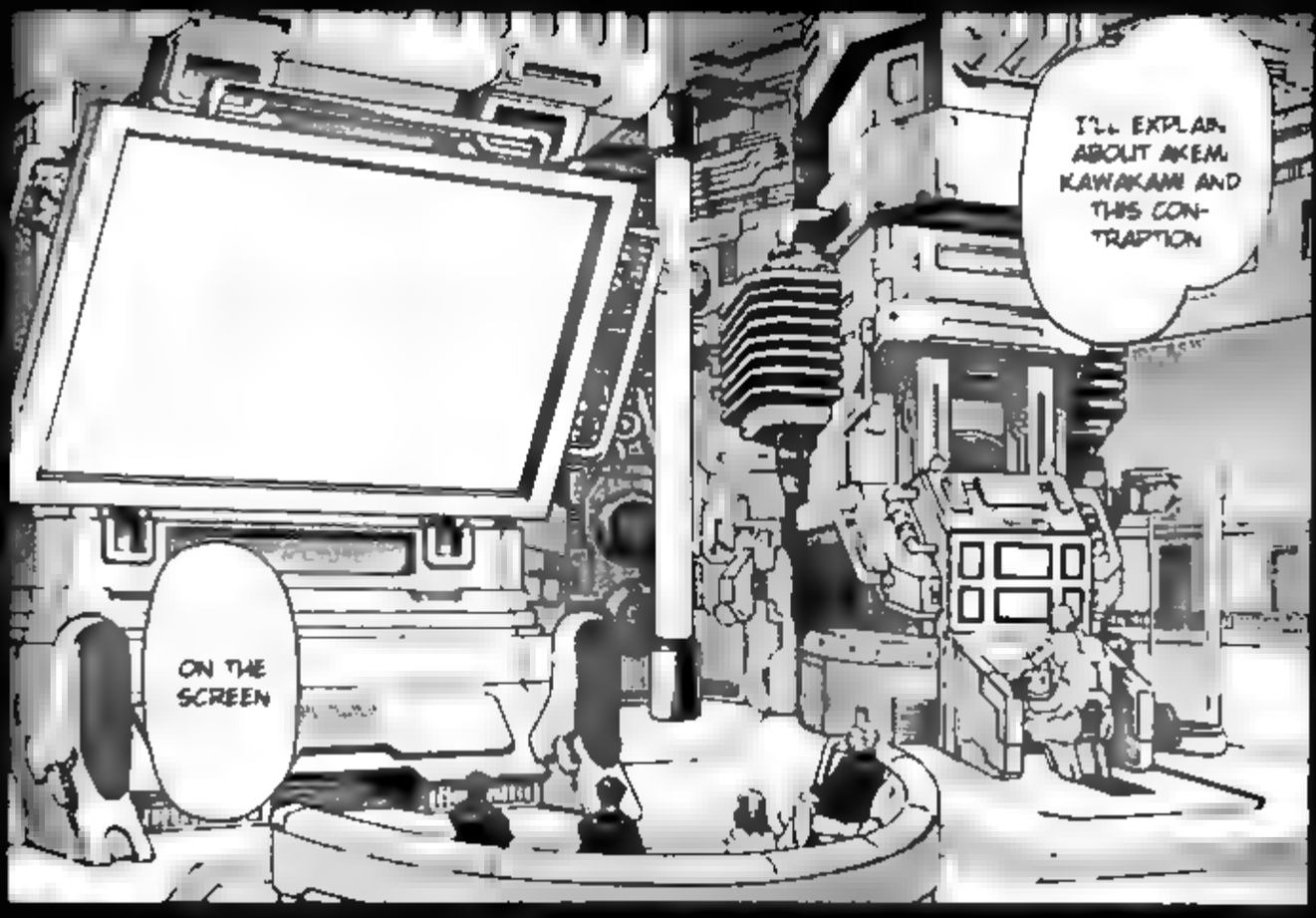
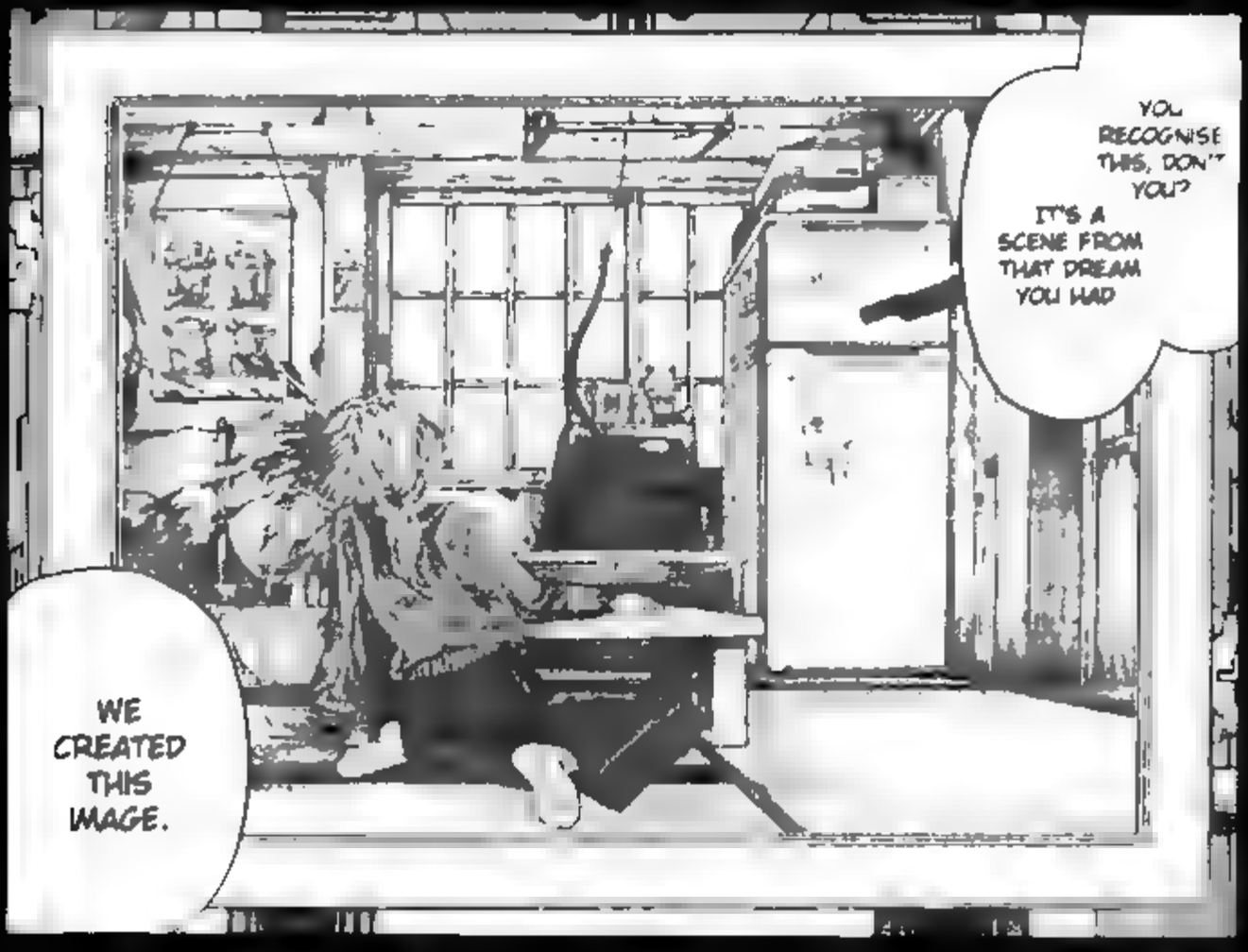


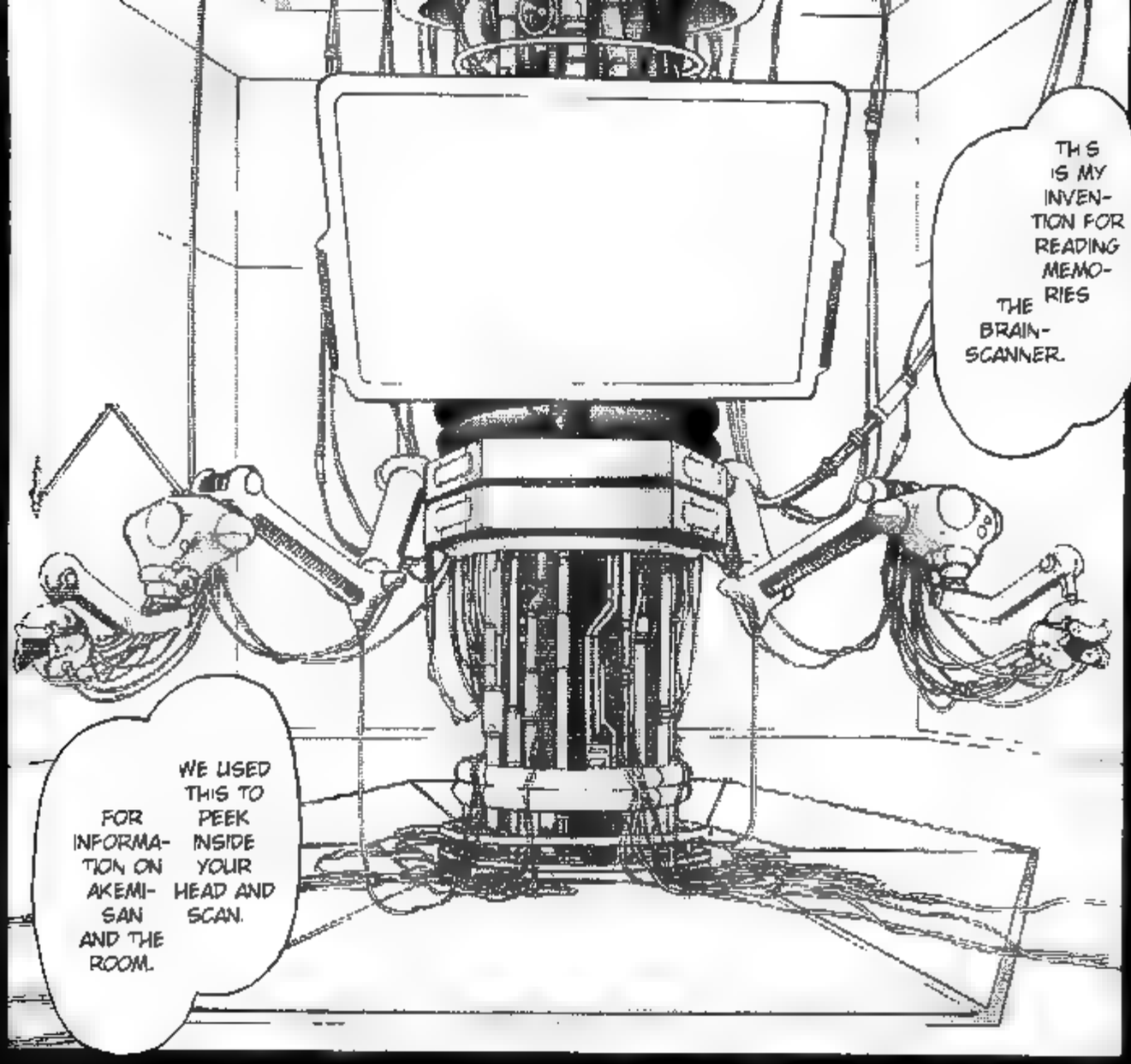

I'LL EXPLAIN ABOUT AKEMI KAWAKAMI AND THIS CONTRAPTION
ON THE SCREEN

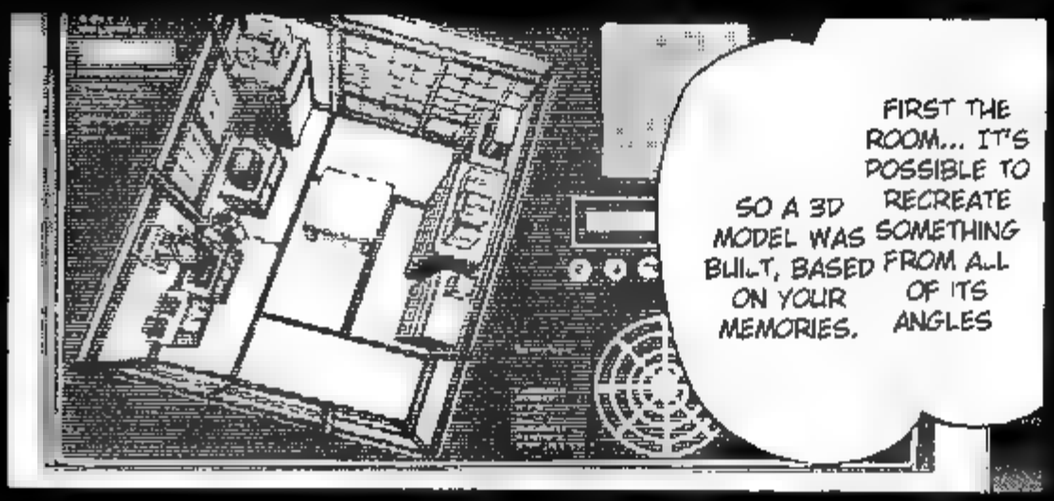

YOU RECOGNISE THIS, DON'T YOU?
IT'S A SCENE FROM THAT DREAM YOU HAD
WE CREATED THIS IMAGE.

THAT'S THE WHOLE POINT OF THE IMAGE AFTER ALL.
I KNOW IT'S FAKE BUT IT STILL FUCKS WITH MY HEAD

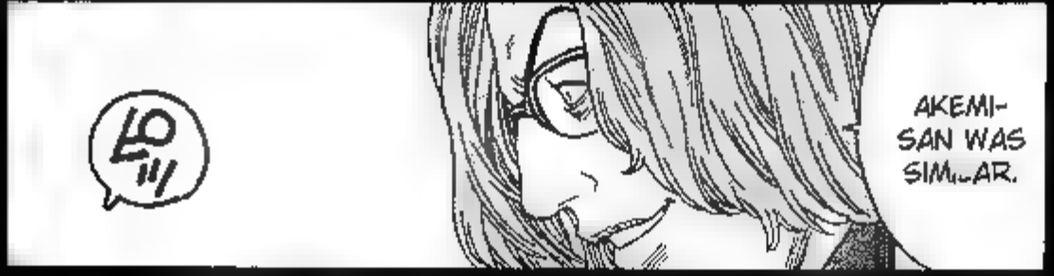
DID YOU FORCE AUNTIE TO ACT IT OUT?
SO? HOW'D YOU DO IT?

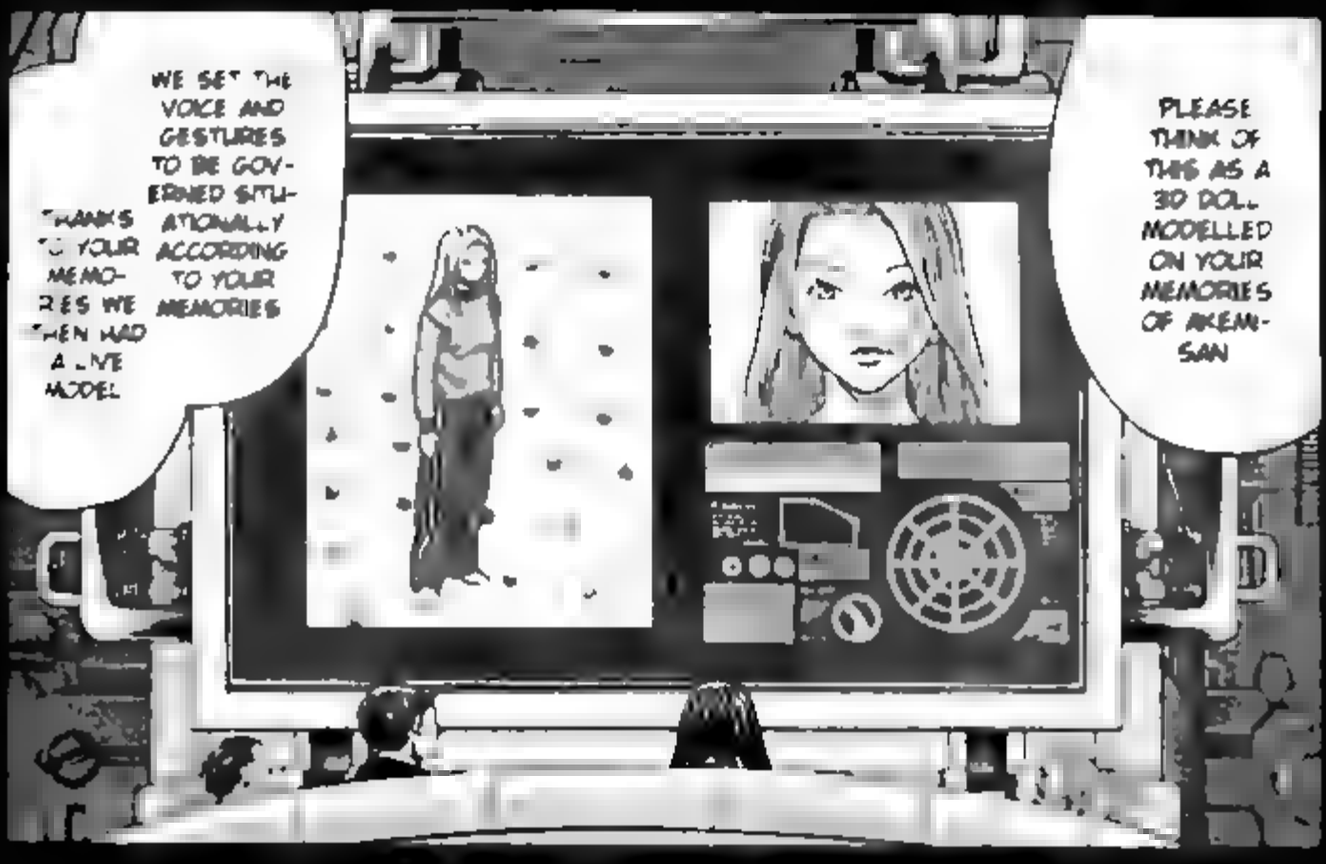
SFX: NI (SMILE)
HEY WE WOULDN'T DO ANY-THING SO LOW-TECH!
ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN.

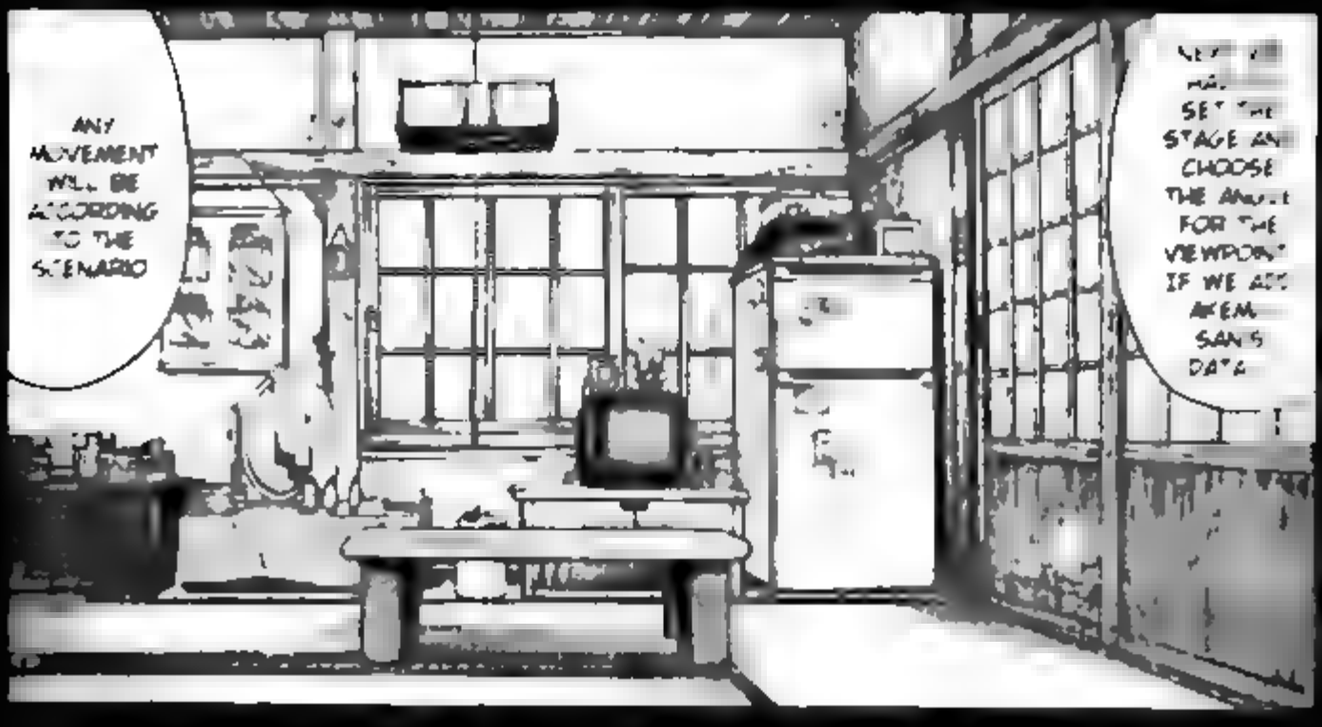

THIS IS MY INVENTION FOR READING MEMORIES
THE BRAIN-SCANNER.
WE USED THIS TO PEEK INSIDE YOUR HEAD AND SCAN.
FOR INFORMATION ON AKEMI-SAN AND THE ROOM.



SFX: PI (BUTTON PRESSING)

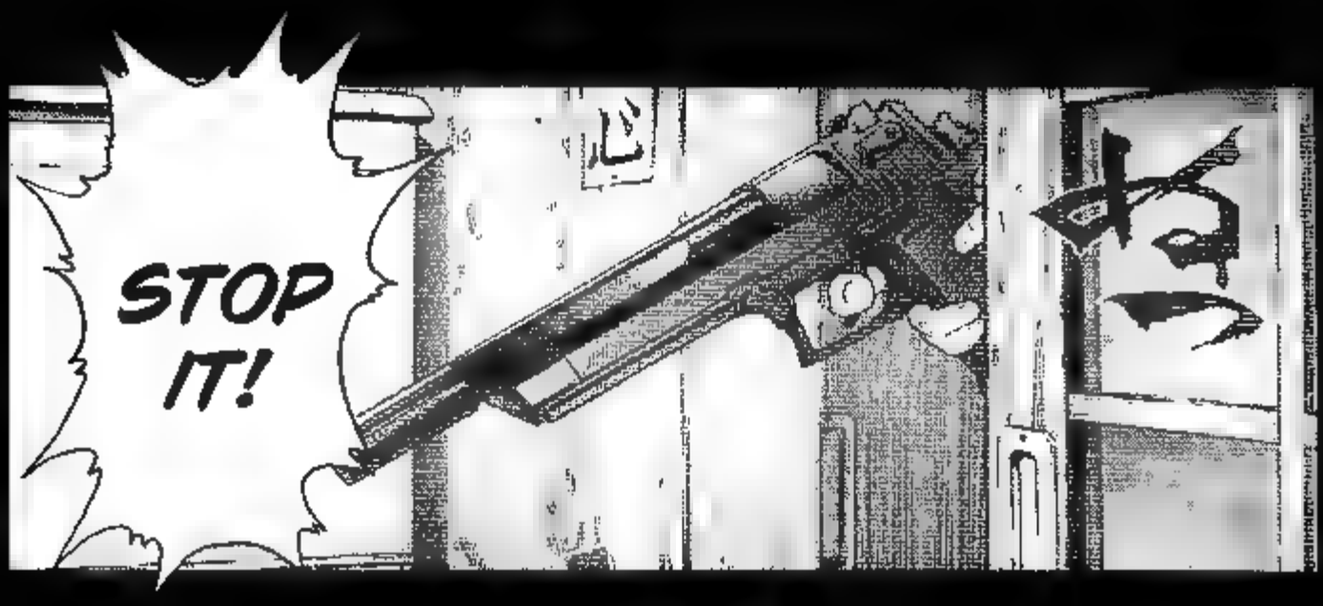



PLEASE THINK OF THIS AS A 3D DOLL MODELLED ON YOUR MEMORIES OF AKEMI-SAN
WE SET THE VOICE AND GESTURES TO BE GOVERNED SITUATIONALLY ACCORDING TO YOUR MEMORIES
THANKS TO YOUR MEMORIES WE THEN HAD A LIVE MODEL


ANY MOVEMENT WILL BE ACCORDING TO THE SCENARIO
SET THE STAGE AND CHOOSE THE ANGLE FOR THE VIEWPOINT IF WE ADD AKEMI-SAN'S DATA

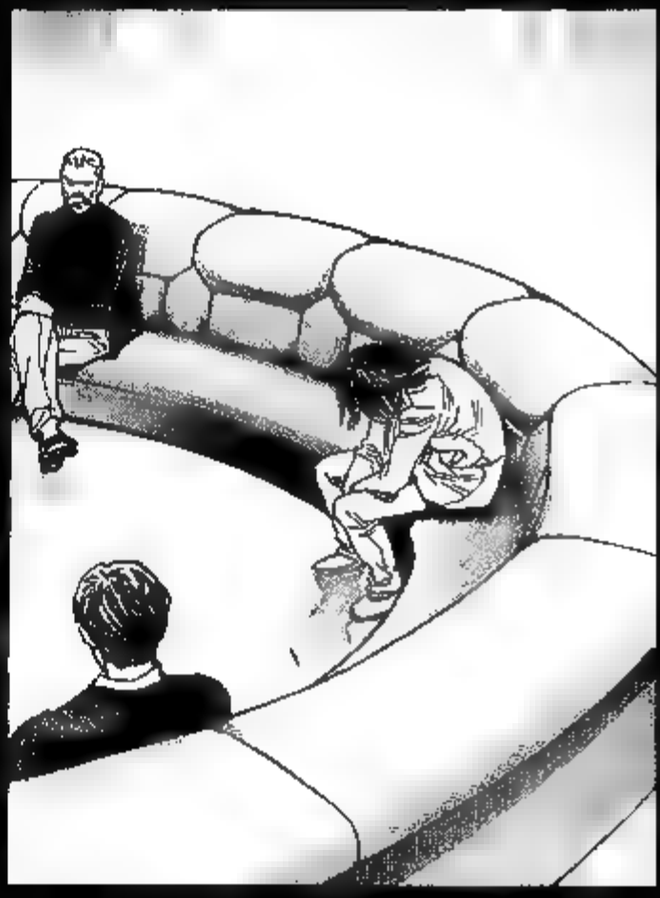
YOU HAVE A REALISTIC IMAGE THAT YOU'D NEVER THINK WE CREATED
THIS WAY WE HAVE A COMPLETE PRODUCT
SFX P (BUTTON PRESSING)

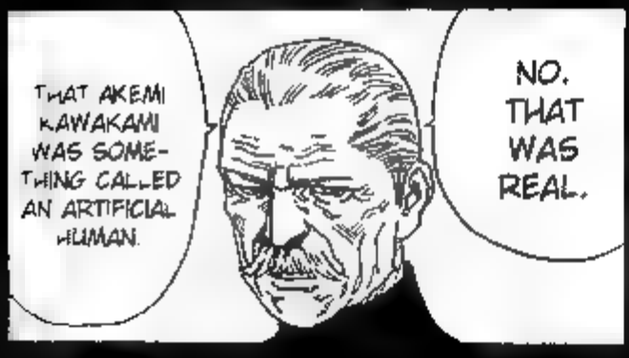
HMM?
JIN, S THAT YOU?
YOU'RE BACK.
SORRY, I DIDN'T WAIT FOR YOU TO EAT.


STOP IT!

HOW MANY TIMES DO YOU WANT ME TO SEE THAT
THAT'S ENOUGH

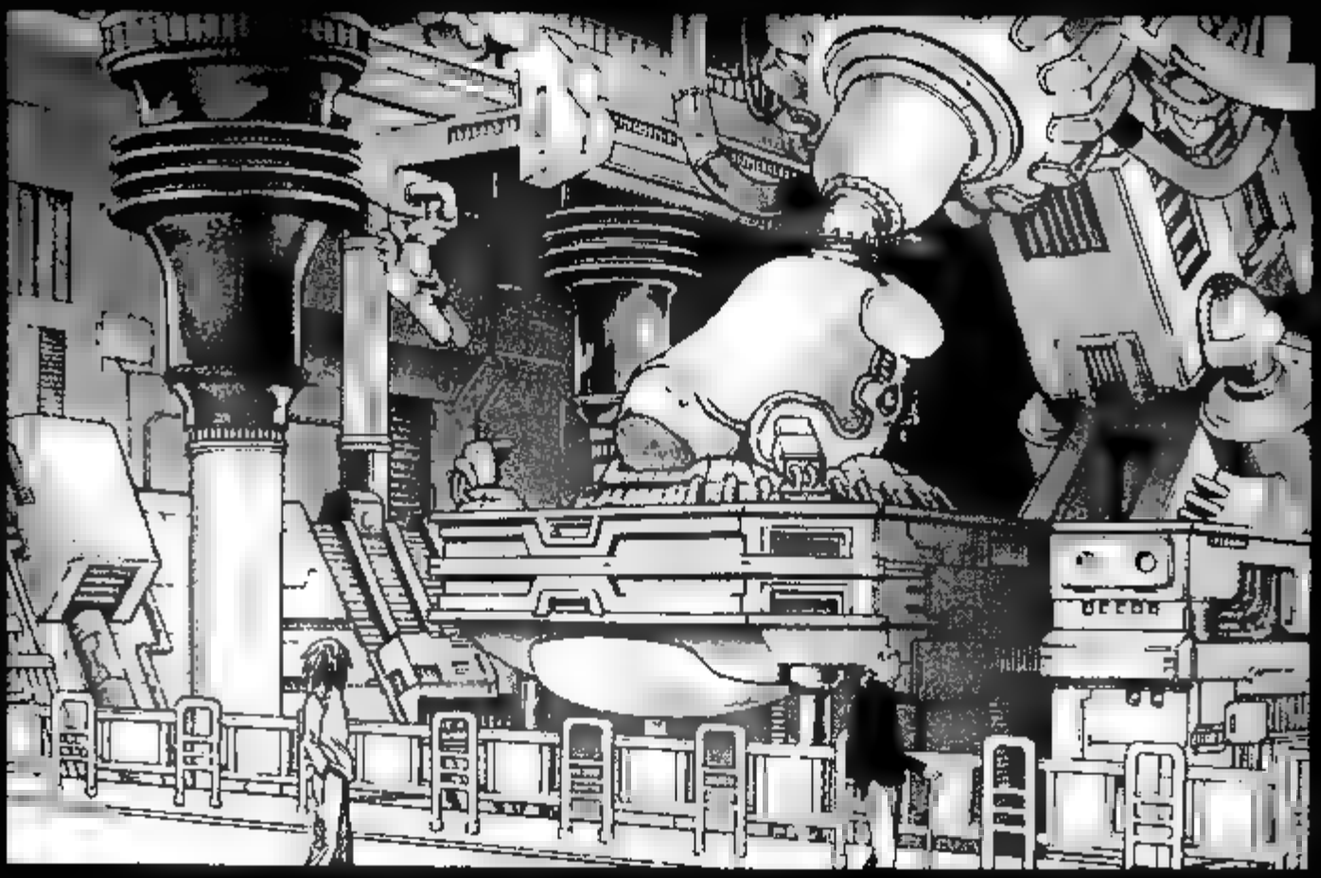
AND ME FIGHTING IT WERE PART OF THE DREAM TOO, HUH?
SO THE AUNTIE THAT APPEARED WITH THE MONSTER

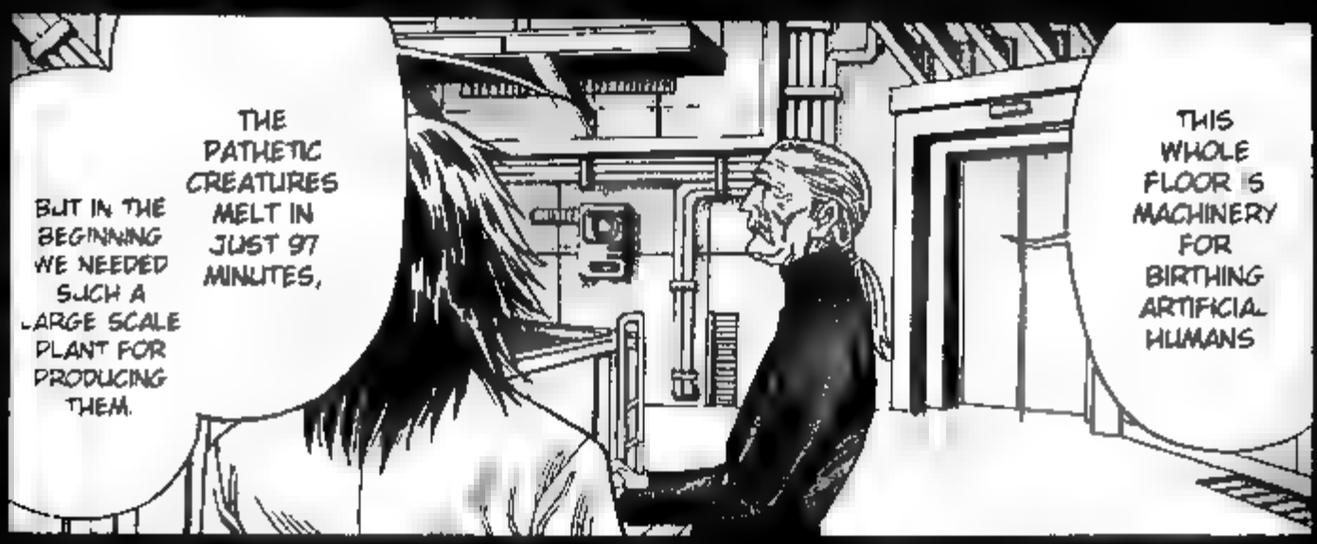



THAT AKEMI KAWAKAMI WAS SOMETHING CALLED AN ARTIFICIAL HUMAN.
NO. THAT WAS REAL.

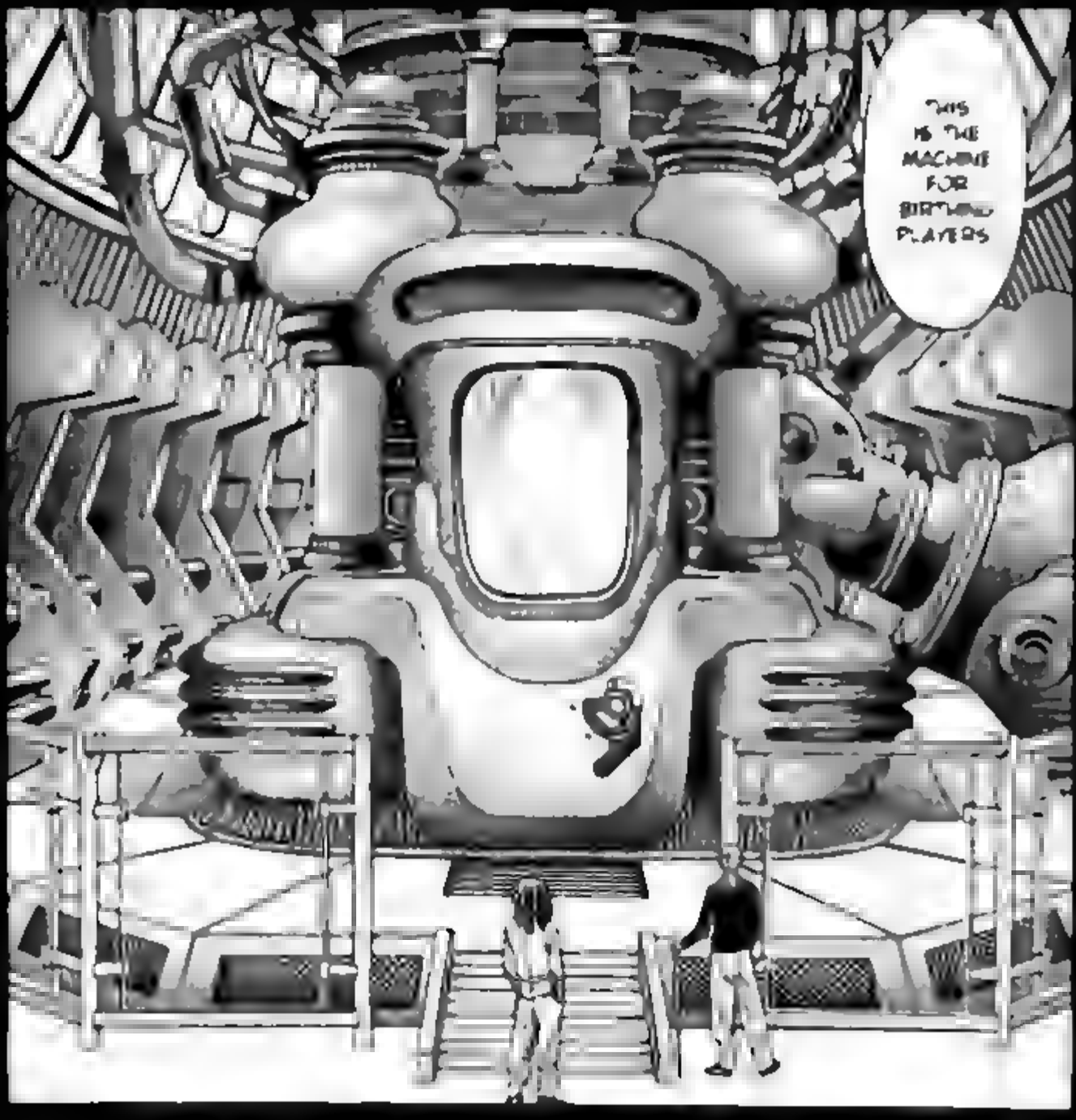
ARTIFICIAL HUMAN? WHAT THE HELL'S THAT?
IF YOU LIKE, I'LL EXPLAIN FULLY LATER.
YOU SHOULD THINK OF THEM AS SPECIAL CREATURES WITH COPIED BODIES
IN THIS CASE WE HAD THE BEST POSSIBLE DATA FOR THAT FROM THE BRAIN SCANNER.
THE COPYING CAN ONLY BE DONE WITH SUFFICIENT INFORMATION ON THE TARGET
THERE'S NO COMPLICATED PROGRAM,
THESE THINGS ARE GROWN BY JUST FEEDING THEM THE TARGET'S VOICE AND IMAGE LIKE MEALS.
PFFT.
I DON'T REALLY GET IT
A LIVING CREATURE *THAT LOOKS* LIKE IT WAS SHOT IN THE HEAD.
THIS IS THE ONE GROWN THAT WAY.
SO WE SIMPLY CG PROCESSED THE IMAGE AND USED THAT.
BUT WE HAD TO MAKE AKEMI-SAN WITH A SMASHED HEAD,

...I CAN'T REGRET THE TIME, MONEY, OR EFFORT.
IF IT'S TO MAKE YOU ZET...
BUT...
THAT'S A HELL OF AN EFFORT
...UNTIL NOW IT'S BEEN SO COMPLICATED BECAUSE OF KANZAKI.
STILL ...
WE BELIEVE THAT'S WHY YOU CAN'T EASILY BECOME ZET.
THE SETUP HE INSTALLED IN YOUR BODY...




THIS WHOLE FLOOR IS MACHINERY FOR BIRTHING ARTIFICIAL HUMANS
THE PATHETIC CREATURES MELT IN JUST 97 MINUTES,
BUT IN THE BEGINNING WE NEEDED SUCH A LARGE SCALE PLANT FOR PRODUCING THEM.

THEY'RE ALREADY ANTIQUES.
FROM NOW ON THEY WON'T BE NEEDED ANYMORE.
THE LAST OF OUR "BLANK" STOCK BECAME AKEMI KAWA-KAMI.

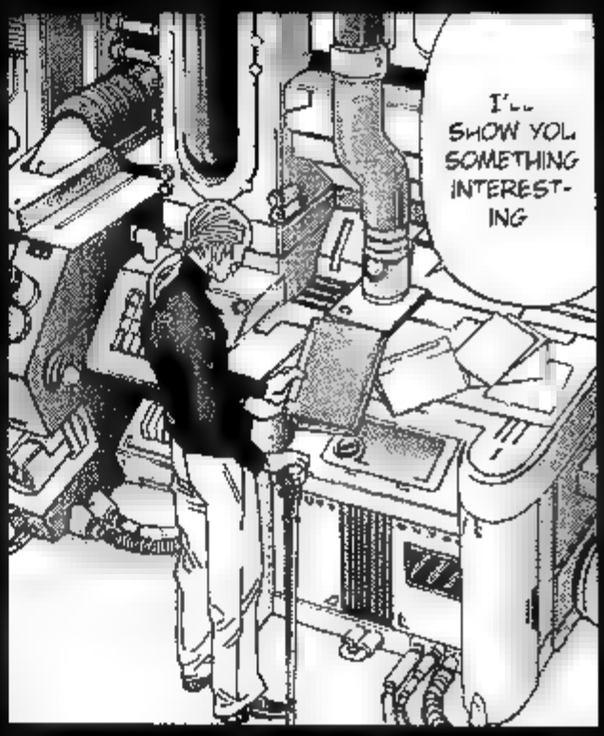

THIS IS THE MACHINE FOR BIRTHING PLAYERS

YOU GOT DID MAKE THE MON-STERS

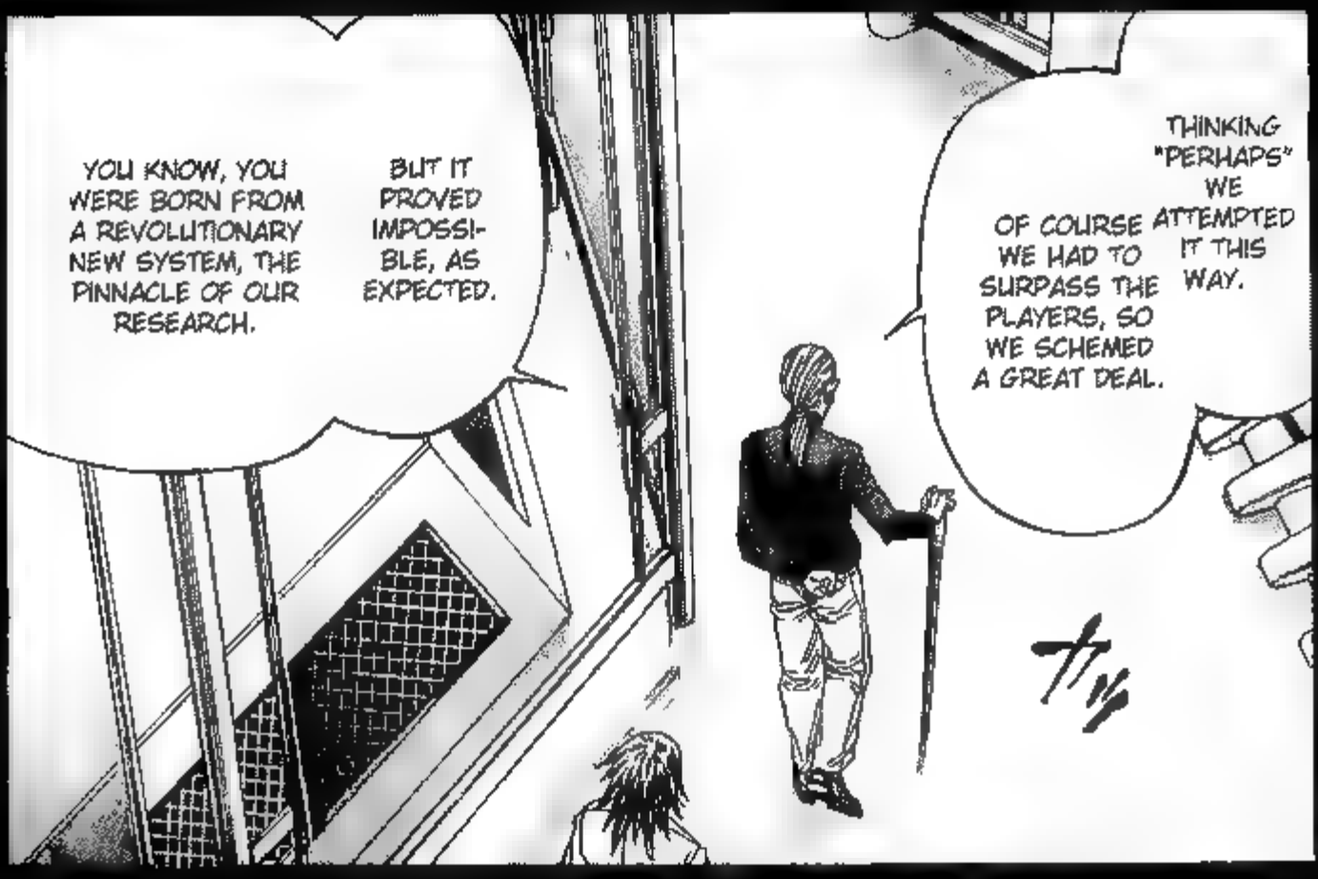
MUCH SMALLER THAN IT!!

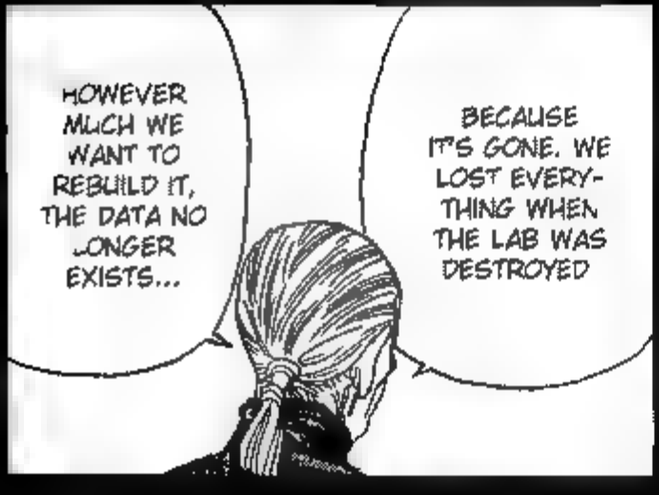
?
THAT WAS A... LAST RESORT.
BEFORE WHEN I COULDN'T MEET YOU.
THE ONLY ZET DATA LEFT IN OUR POSSESSION WAS THE PRELIMINARY DATA FROM THE EARLY STAGES, WHEN THIS SETUP WAS BEING PREPARED..
IT WAS DEEMED RECKLESS, BUT WHAT ELSE COULD WE DO?
WE ATTEMPTED TO CREATE A NEW ZET FROM SCRATCH.
THE RESULT, AS YOU KNOW, WAS THAT THING YOU FOUGHT...
CLUTCHING AT STRAWS WE EXPERIMENTED IMAGINATIVELY

THIS IS YOUR DESIGN.


I'LL SHOW YOU SOMETHING INTERESTING

.....
IT'S THE ZET DESIGN I COMMISIONED FROM THOSE INVOLVED IN ANIME PRODUCTION WITHIN MY COMPANY.
YOU RESEMBLE THAT MONSTER BECAUSE YOU WERE BOTH BASED ON THIS.
SOMEONE MADE A DESIGN TO MATCH THE DESIRED IMAGE, AND THAT BECAME THE FOUNDATION FOR THE PLAYER'S FORM.
THIS TECHNIQUE WAS INHERITED FROM THE ARTIFICIAL HUMANS' FORM-AQUISITION SYSTEM.
SO.
YOU'RE SAYING MY *ORIGIN* IS THIS PICTURE?
NOT YOURS, ZET'S.
BEFORE THAT PLAYERS WERE ARTIFICIAL HUMANS COPIED FROM BOTH A "SUPPLEMENTAL BODY"...
CREATED FROM THE DNA OF AN ANIMAL AND AN ORDINARY HUMAN.
THEIR BODIES WERE CREATED GENDERLESS.

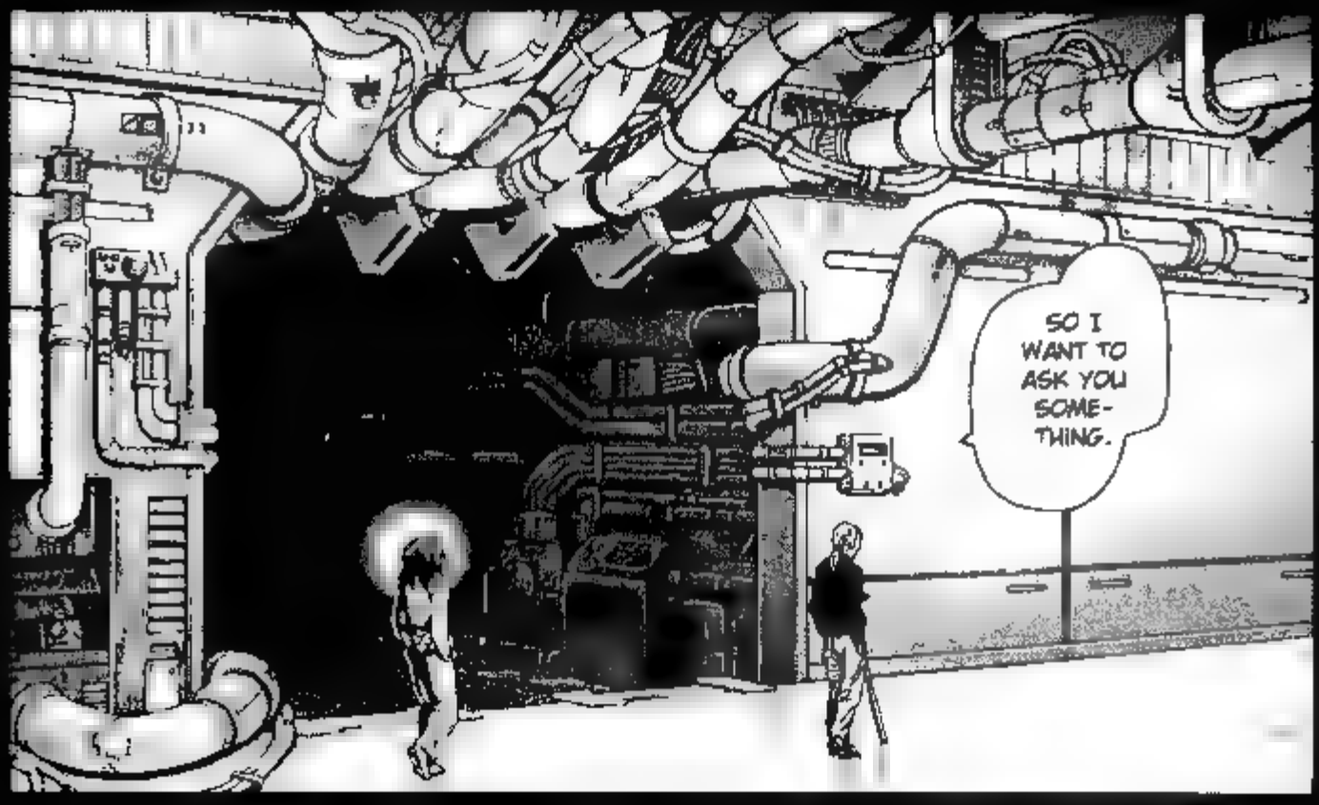

YOU KNOW, YOU WERE BORN FROM A REVOLUTIONARY NEW SYSTEM, THE PINNACLE OF OUR RESEARCH.
BUT IT PROVED IMPOSSIBLE, AS EXPECTED.
OF COURSE WE HAD TO SURPASS THE PLAYERS, SO WE SCHEMED A GREAT DEAL.
THINKING "PERHAPS" WE ATTEMPTED IT THIS WAY.

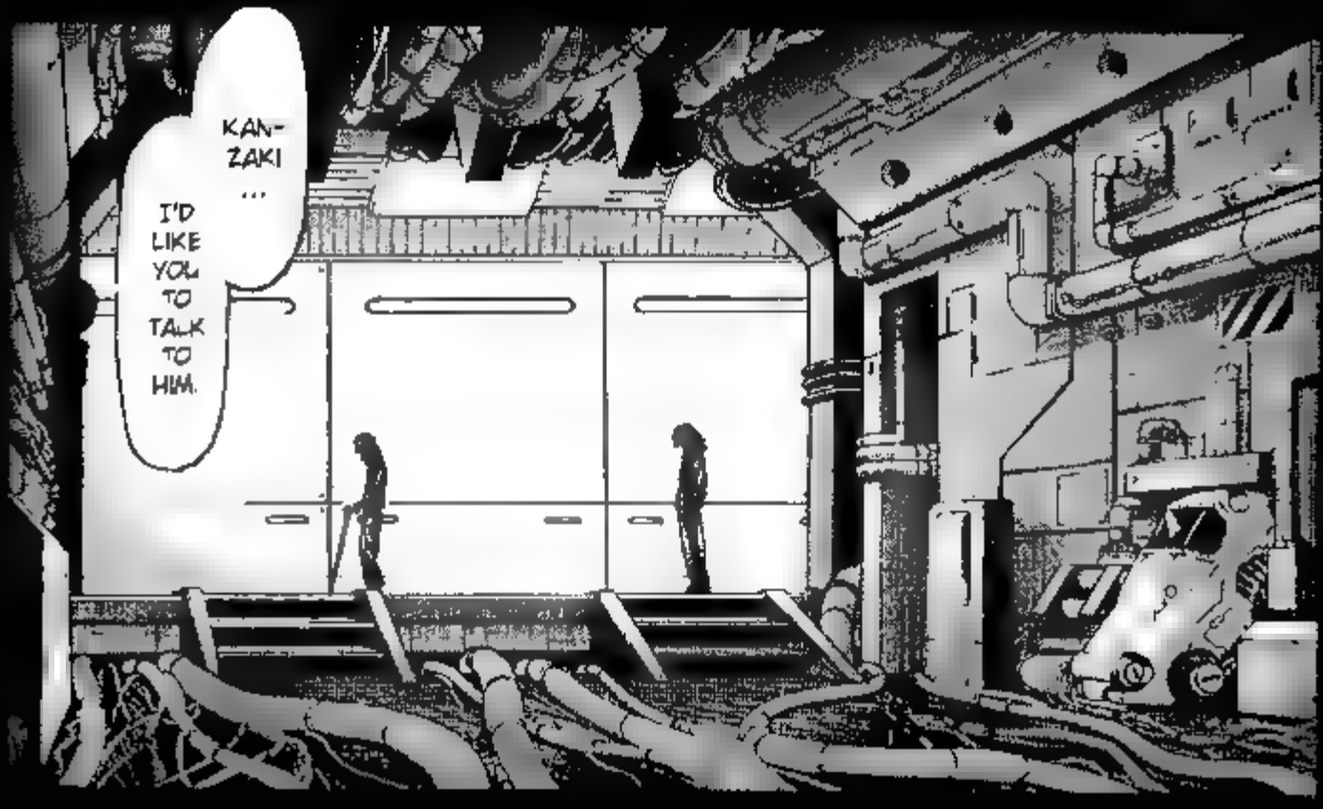

HOWEVER MUCH WE WANT TO REBUILD IT, THE DATA NO LONGER EXISTS...
BECAUSE IT'S GONE. WE LOST EVERYTHING WHEN THE LAB WAS DESTROYED

SO WHY NOT USE THAT THEN?

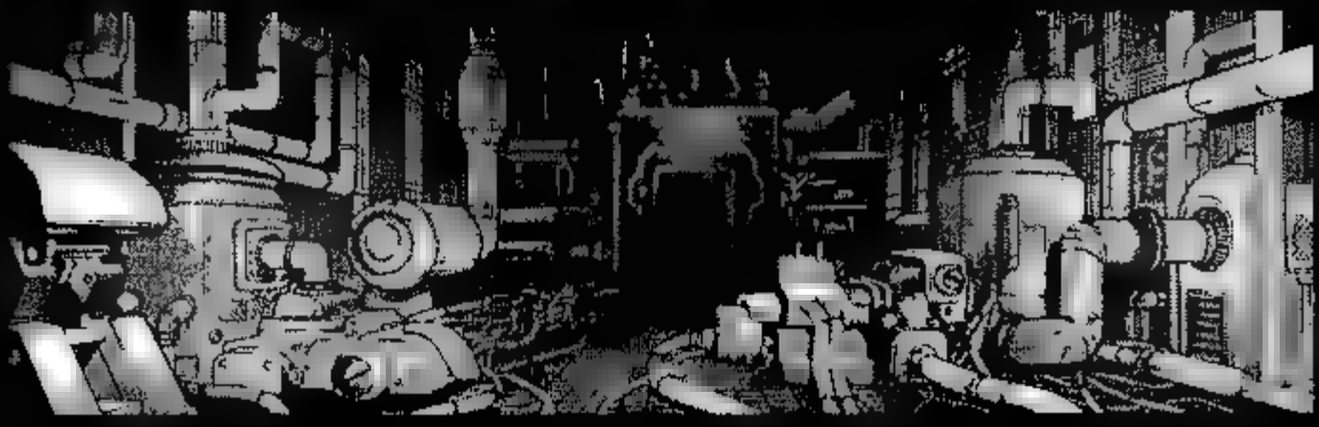
BUT WE HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING OF HIM SINCE THE LAB'S DESTRUCTION...
THERE'S ONLY ONE MAN WITH THE KNOWLEDGE TO REBUILD T,
THE GENIUS REIJI KIRISHIMA.

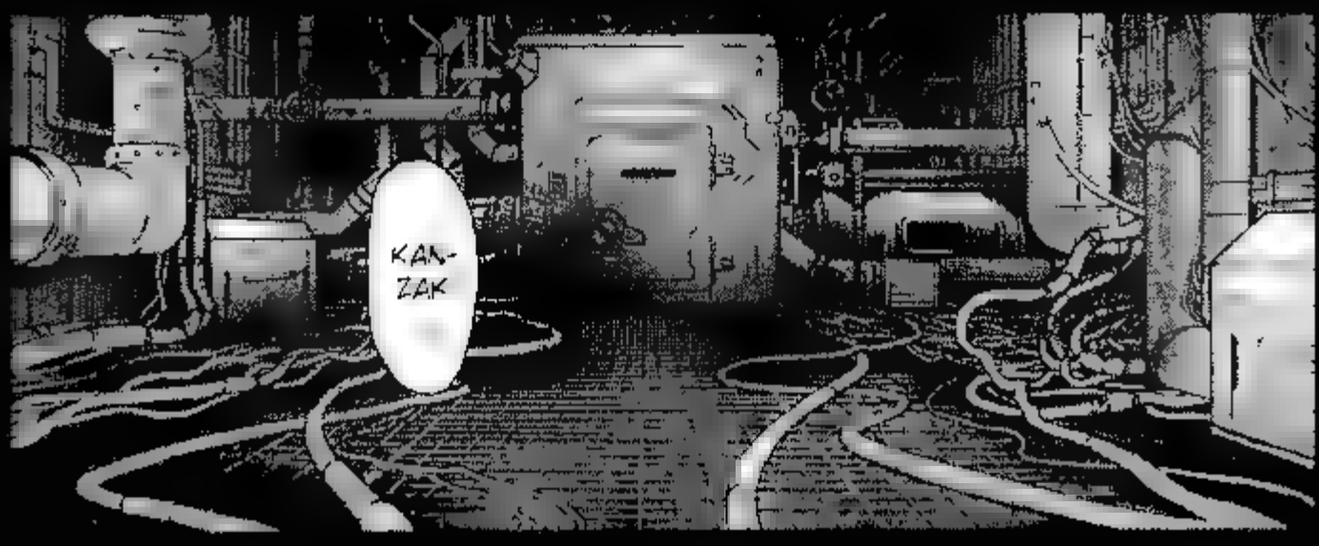
WHAT DID GRANDPA DO?
HEY, I WANNA KNOW ABOUT THAT.
YOU DON'T KNOW?
FORTU-NATELY WE WERE ABLE TO MEET LIKE WE WERE
NOW WE'RE BACK IN KANZAKI'S NET, JUST LIKE IN THE BEGINNING.
JUST AS HE'D PLANNED, WE HELPED HIM MAKE YOU HUMAN.
THE LAST TIME WE WERE ABLE TO NARROWLY GET OUT ALIVE, WAS ALL THANKS TO THE "SETUP" IN YOUR BODY.
HE MADE YOU JUST A HUMAN
YOU BASTARDS ARE STUPID.
TRICKED BY A DEAD GUY, HUH?


SO I WANT TO ASK YOU SOME-THING.


KAN-ZAKI ...
I'D LIKE YOU TO TALK TO HIM.

HUH?

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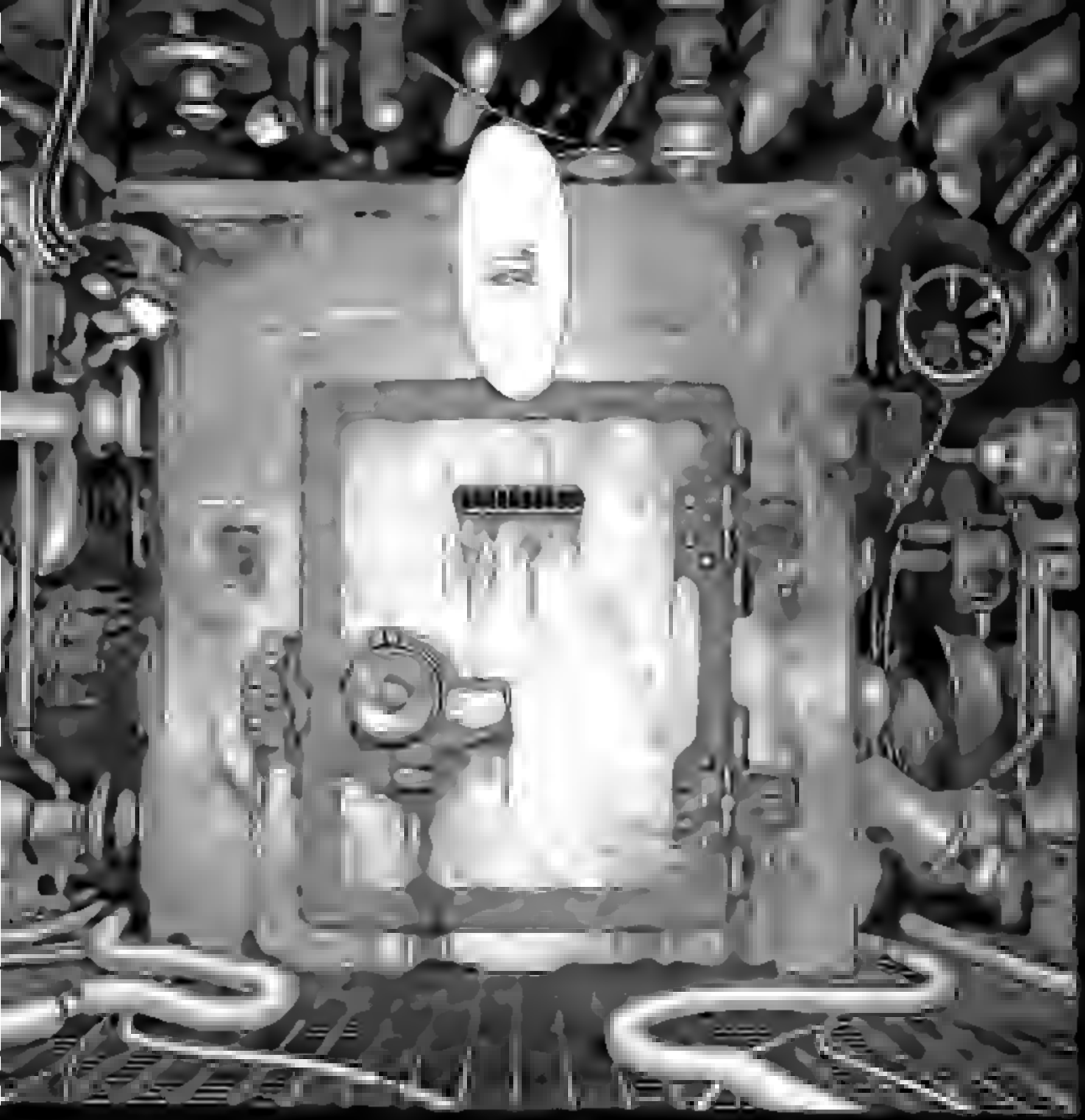

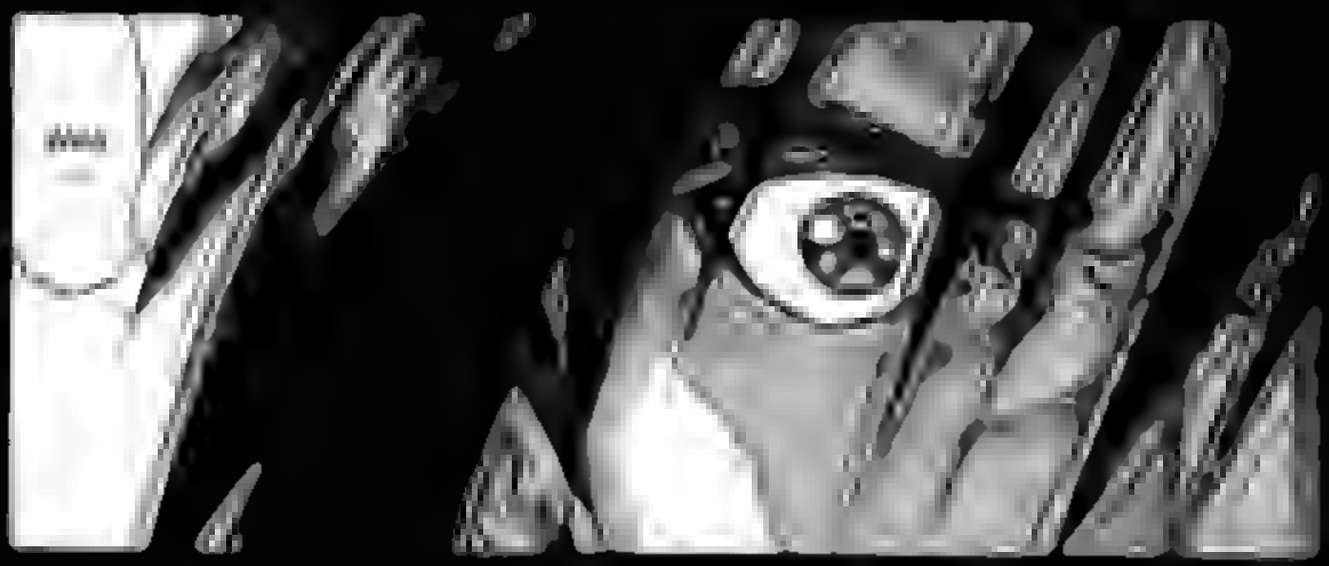
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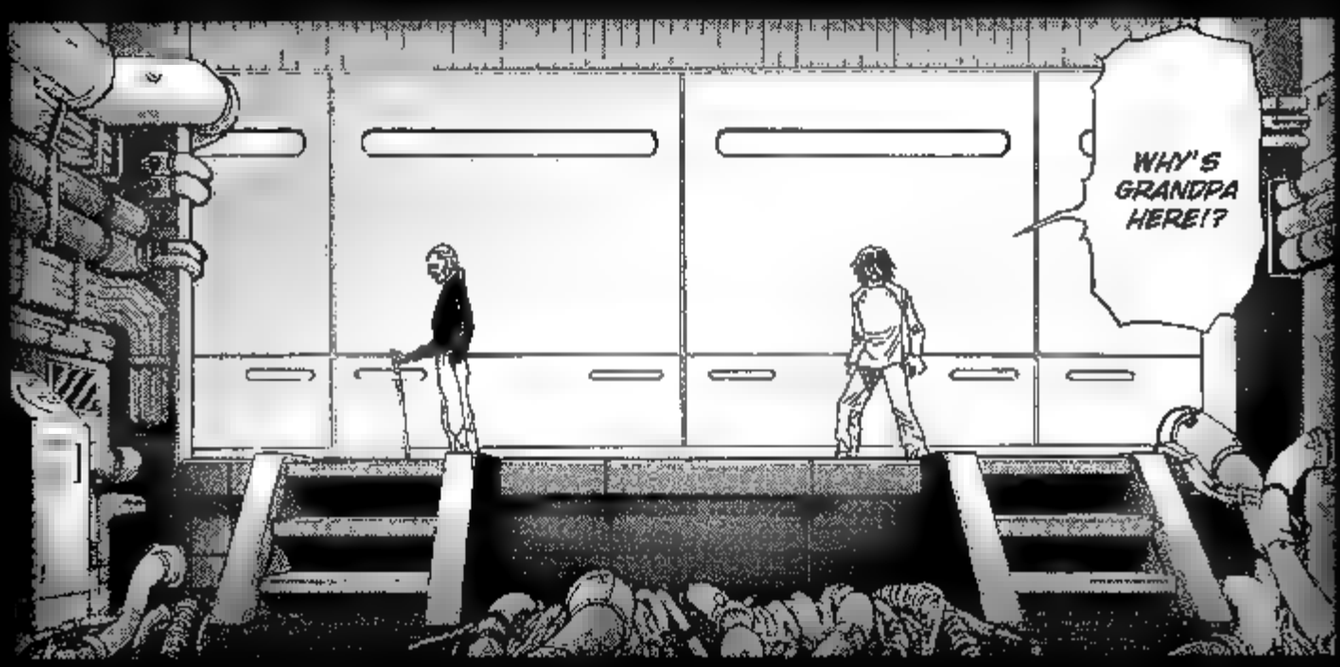

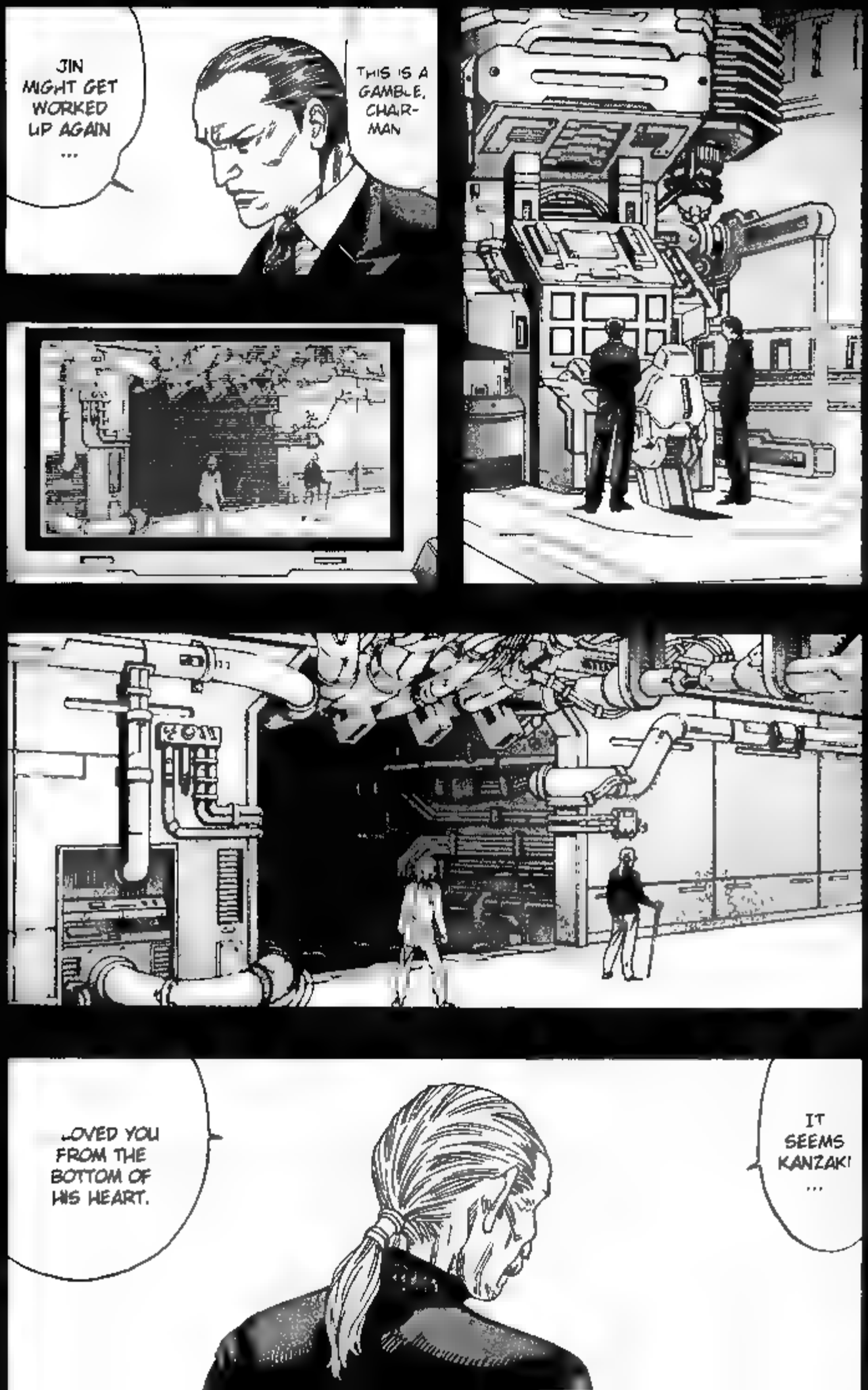
JIN MIGHT GET WORKED UP AGAIN ...
THIS IS A GAMBLE, CHAIRMAN
..OVED YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF HIS HEART.
IT SEEMS KANZAKI ...

THAT WISH CAME TRUE, SO NOW HE'LL NO LONGER LISTEN TO US.
HIS WISH WAS... TO MAKE YOU HUMAN...
GET HIM TO TELL YOU HOW TO FULLY BECOME ZET.
THAT'S WHY I WANT YOU TO TALK TO HIM.
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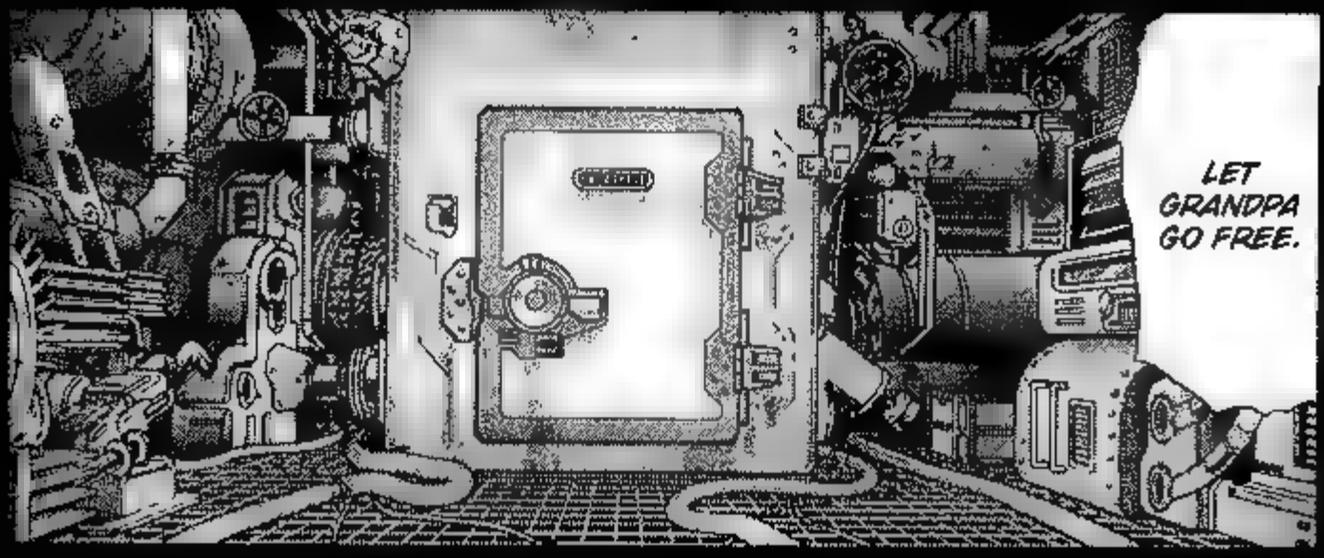
PLEASE.


LET GRANDPA GO FREE.

I CAN'T DO THAT.

WE'LL USE AKEMI KAWAKAMI TO THREATEN YOU.
NOTHING WILL HAPPEN TO KANZAKI.

WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO HIM?
WHAT IF I REFUSE TO BECOME ZET?

BLAH, BLAH, CHATTERING AWAY.
BASTARD ... YOU FUCKING STUPID?
DIDN'T YOU PROMISE TO HEAR ME OUT?
I SWEAR! IF I BECOME ZET,
YOU'LL BE THE FIRST TO DIE!

I DON'T CARE.
ONCE ZET IS BORN,
MY ROLE WILL BE AT AN END.
I'M AFRAID THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE.
WITHOUT GOING AFTER THE PLAYERS OR ANY-THING.
I'LL LIVE HOW I WANT,
HMPH. PRETTY NAIVE
I'LL BE FREE THEN?

IF YOUR LEFT HAND'S "RING OF AWAKENING" RETURNS,
YOU'LL BE INVOLVED WITH THEM, LIKE IT OR NOT.

...BE READY FOR THE UNEX-PECTED.

HEY, HEY.
IS IT REALLY OKAY TO SHOW JIN THAT KANZAKI?

CALM DOWN.
SNAPPING SO QUICKLY IS A WEAK-NESS.

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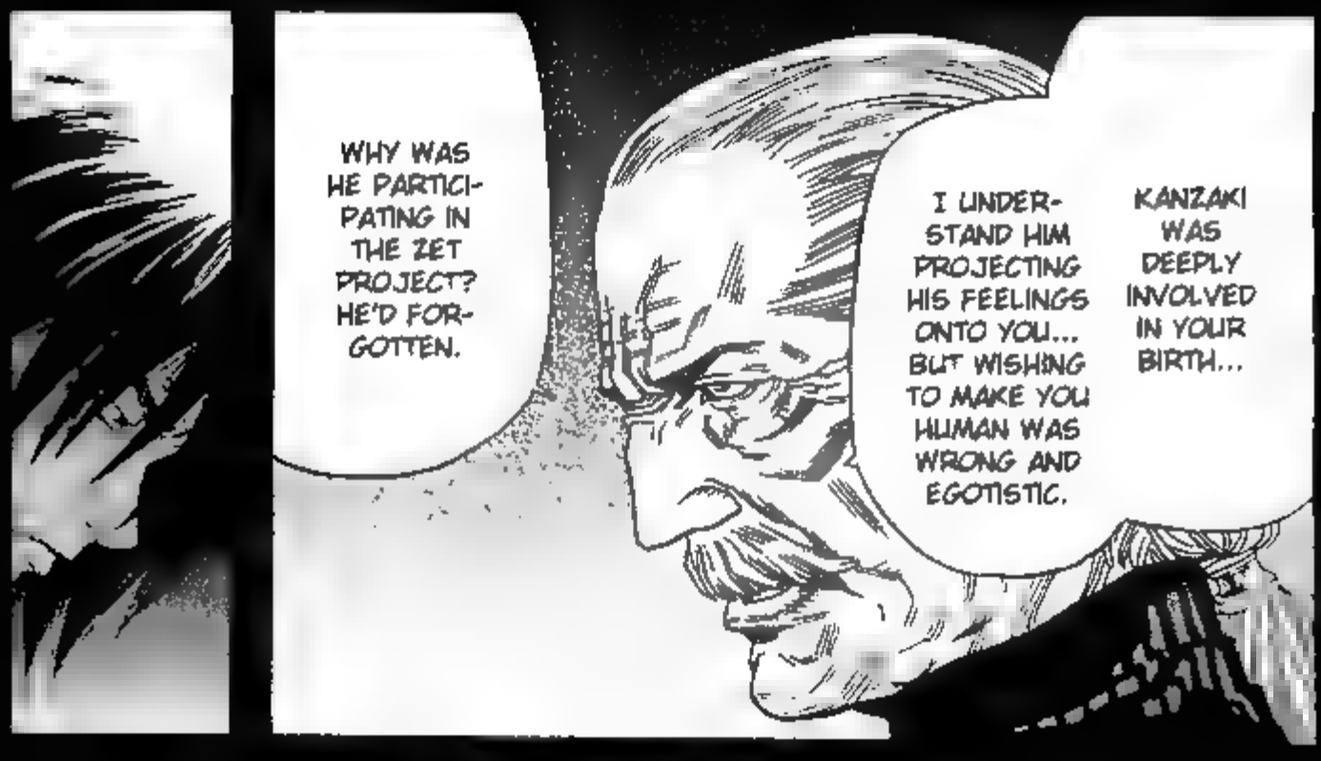
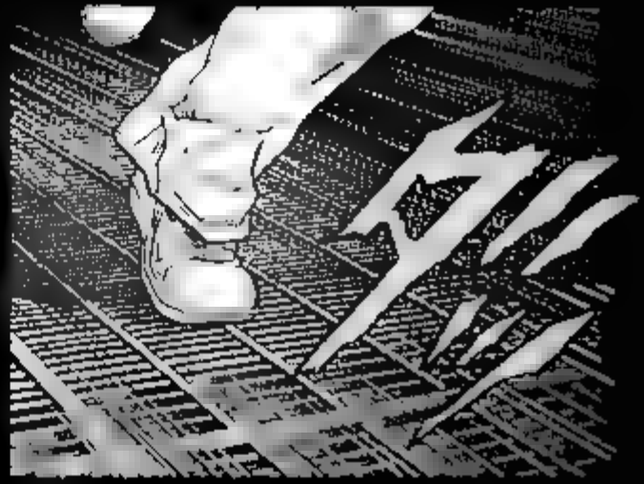
LEAVE THEM BE.


WHY WAS HE PARTICIPATING IN THE ZET PROJECT? HE'D FORGOTTEN.
I UNDERSTAND HIM PROJECTING HIS FEELINGS ONTO YOU... BUT WISHING TO MAKE YOU HUMAN WAS WRONG AND EGOTISTIC.
KANZAKI WAS DEEPLY INVOLVED IN YOUR BIRTH...

DO YOU THINK IT'S RIGHT FOR JUST ONE PERSON TO MONOPOLISE THE "HOPE" OF THE PEOPLE?



FIRST I WANT TO TALK TO GRANDPA'
GRANDPA.

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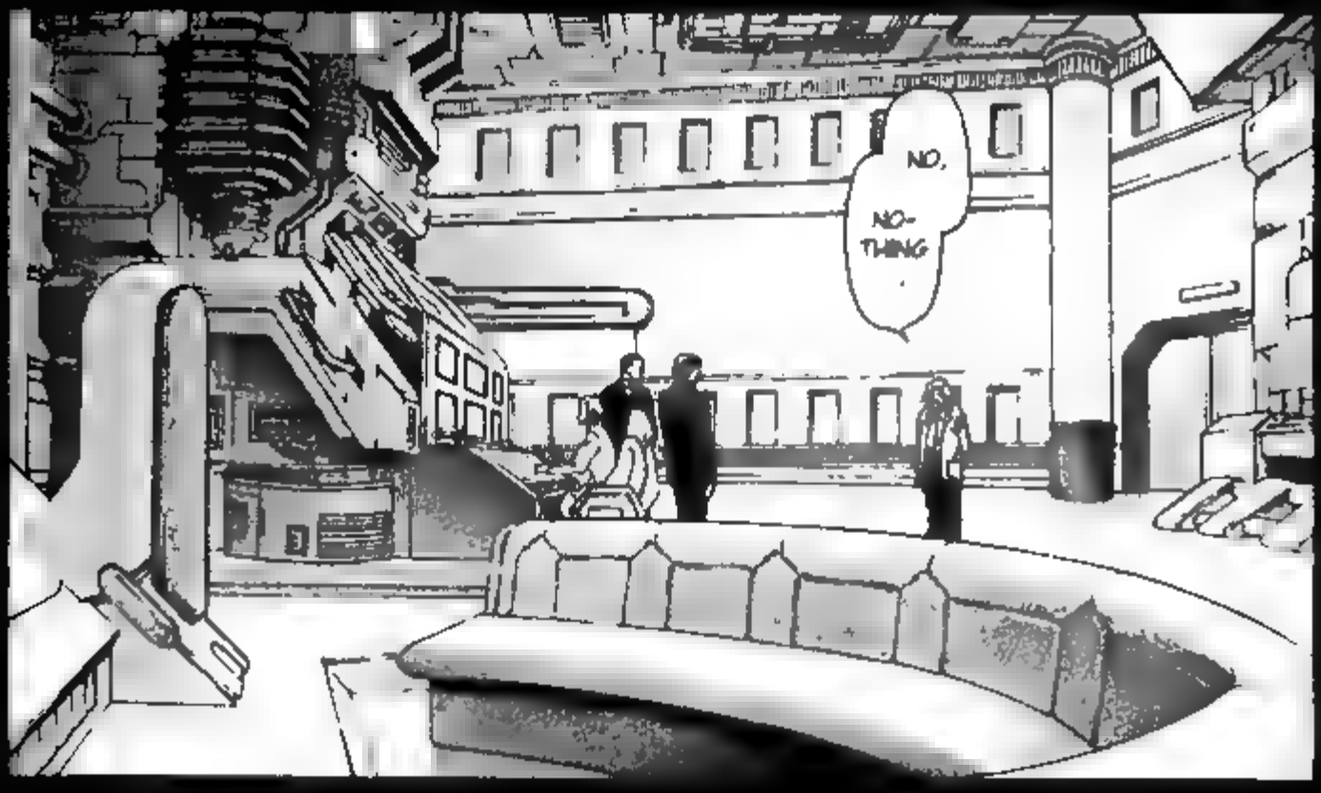
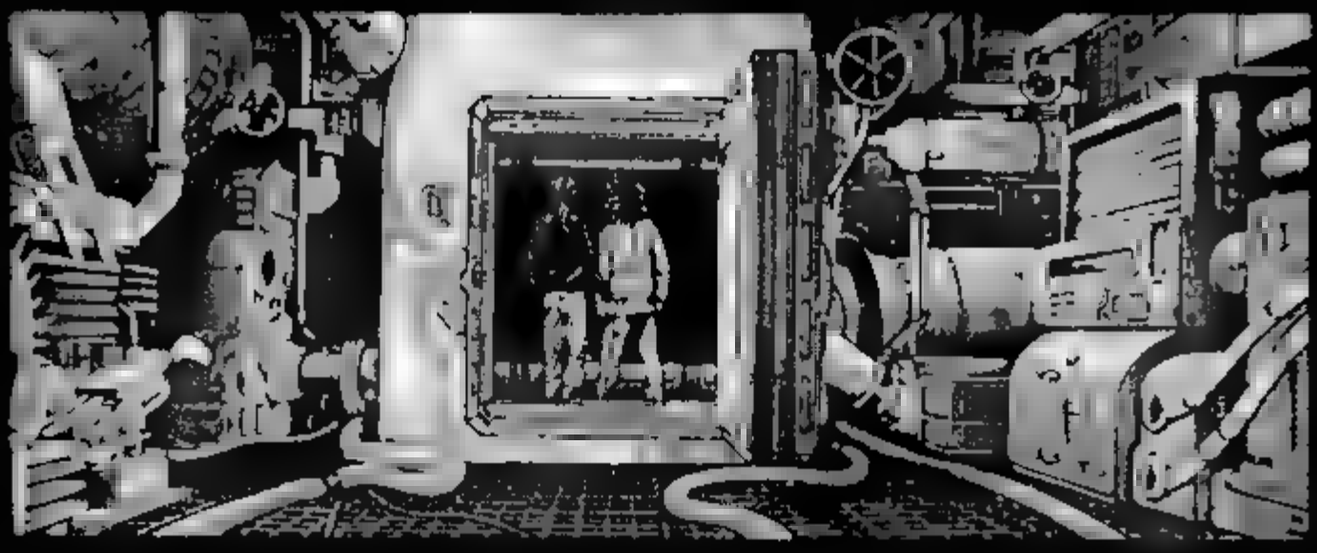
HOWEVER MUCH YOU SCREAM FROM HERE, IT'LL NEVER CARRY INSIDE
IF YOU WERE TO GO OUT THERE NOW YOU'D RUIN EVERY-THING.
BE-SIDES.
IF SOMETHING UNEXPECTED HAPPENS, THEN WE'LL ALL BE FREE.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? DR. SUGITA ..


NO, NO-THING .

IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO THE CHAIRMAN, LIFE WILL BECOME EASY, WON'T IT?
IT'S JUST AREN'T WE ALL WEARY FROM THE UNCERTAIN FUTURE?

HMPH. I SEE
DON'T WORRY IT WAS JUST A JOKE
BUT YOU ARE FOOLS.
WHATEVER ELSE, ZET MUST BE BORN.
SORRY, BUT IF YOU GET IN THE WAY TO STOP US GOING, I'LL SHOOT YOU.
YOU TRULY THINK SO?
THE CHAIRMAN KNOWS THAT, AND IS TRYING TO CONVEY THE TRUTH TO JIN.
IT'LL BE A SIMPLE MATTER TO KILL ONE OLD MAN.
IT SEEMS YOU'RE WORRIED THAT IF JIN PANICS,
WHY DO YOU THINK THE CHAIRMAN AND JIN WENT ON ALONE?
UNLESS HE'S CONFRONTED WITH AN UNWAVERING DIRECTNESS, THAT KID'S HEART WILL NEVER BE SWAYED.
THAT'S SINCERITY.
THAT'S THE CHAIRMAN'S SINCERITY.



WHAT THE HELL!? THAT'S...

GRANDPA!

STOP

IF YOU ENTER COVERED IN GERMS, HIS ENVI-RONMENT WILL BE DEGRADED
IN ORDER TO KEEP KANZAKI WELL PRE-SERVED.
THERE'S AN INVISIBLE WALL HERE. PUT SIMPLY, A WALL OF AIR...
LET US GET CLOSER TO HIM.
HUH? PRE-SERVED !?
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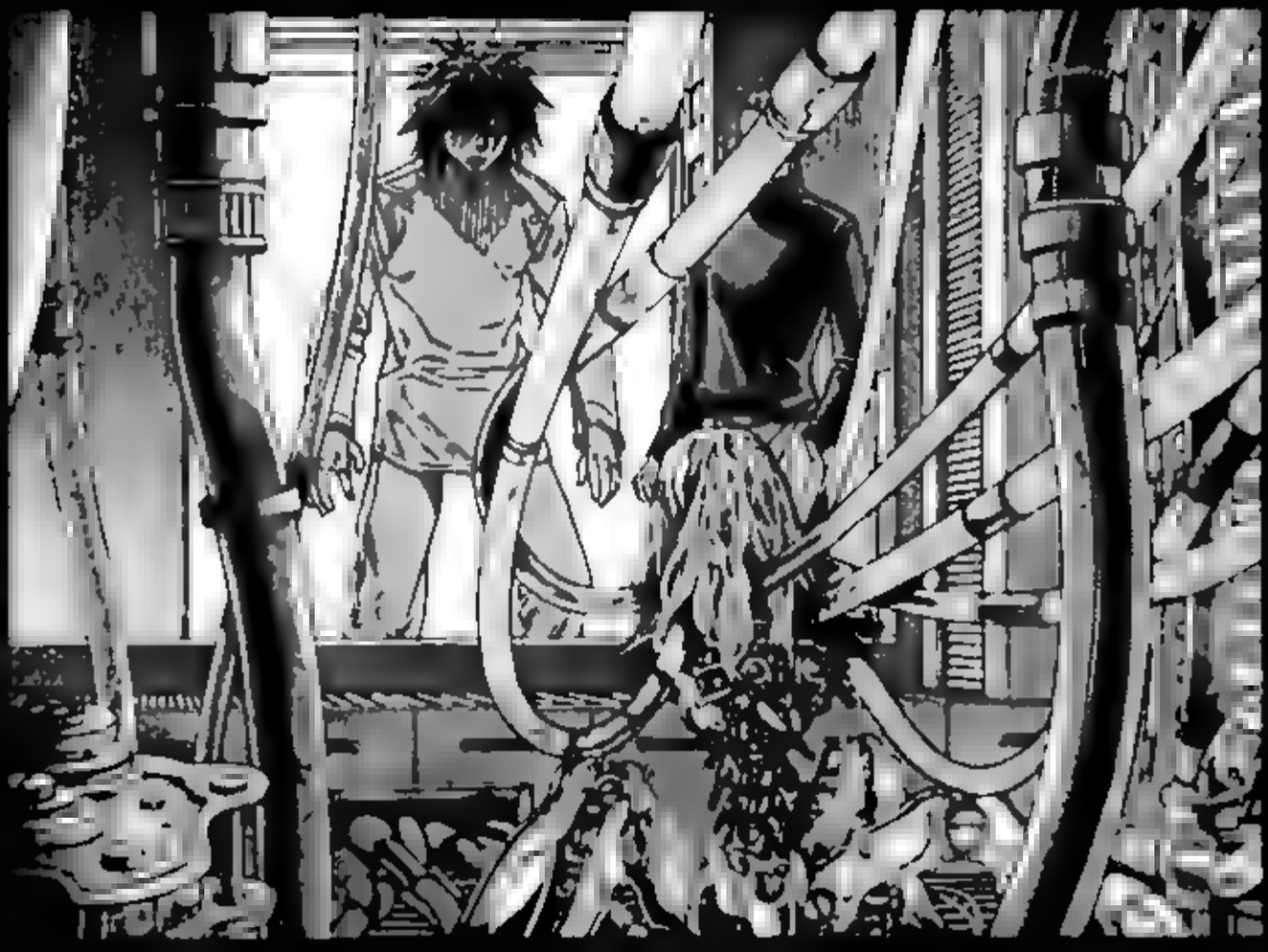
ROGER



ISN'T HE ALIVE?
HE SHOULD BE MERELY A DATA-BANK FOR MEMORY PLAYBACK BUT
I'M AFRAID HE'S SELF-AWARE
HE'S TRULY ALIVE

FIND OUT HOW TO RETURN TO BEING ZET FOR YOURSELF.
IF YOU SPEAK TO HIM HE SHOULD RESPOND.
THAT'S WHY, IF IT'S YOU

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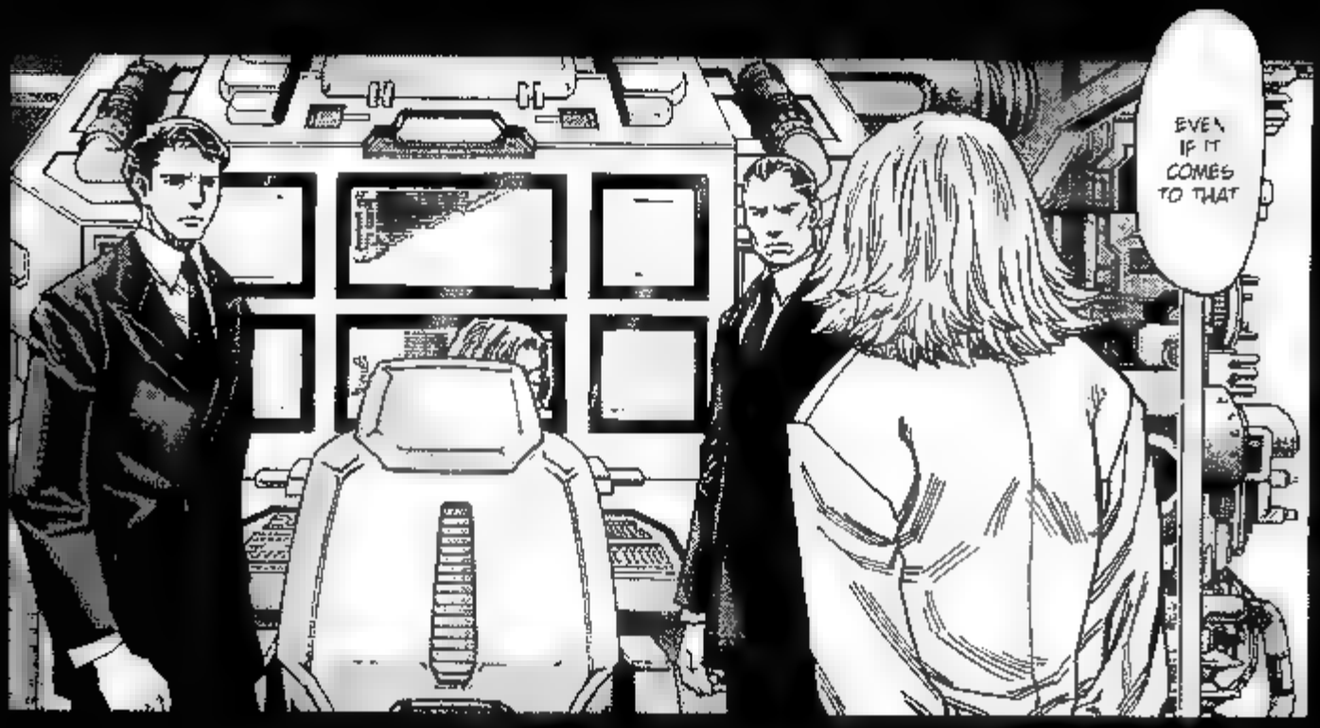
CAN YOU HEAR ME? GRANDPA
GRAND-PA


EVEN IF IT COMES TO THAT

THAT PLACE THE REVIVAL OF ZET OVER THE LIVES OF ANYONE ELSE.
CHAIRMAN AMAG WILL BE HAPPY. BECAUSE HE HAS SUCH LOYAL SUB-ORDINATES...

[KANZAKI]
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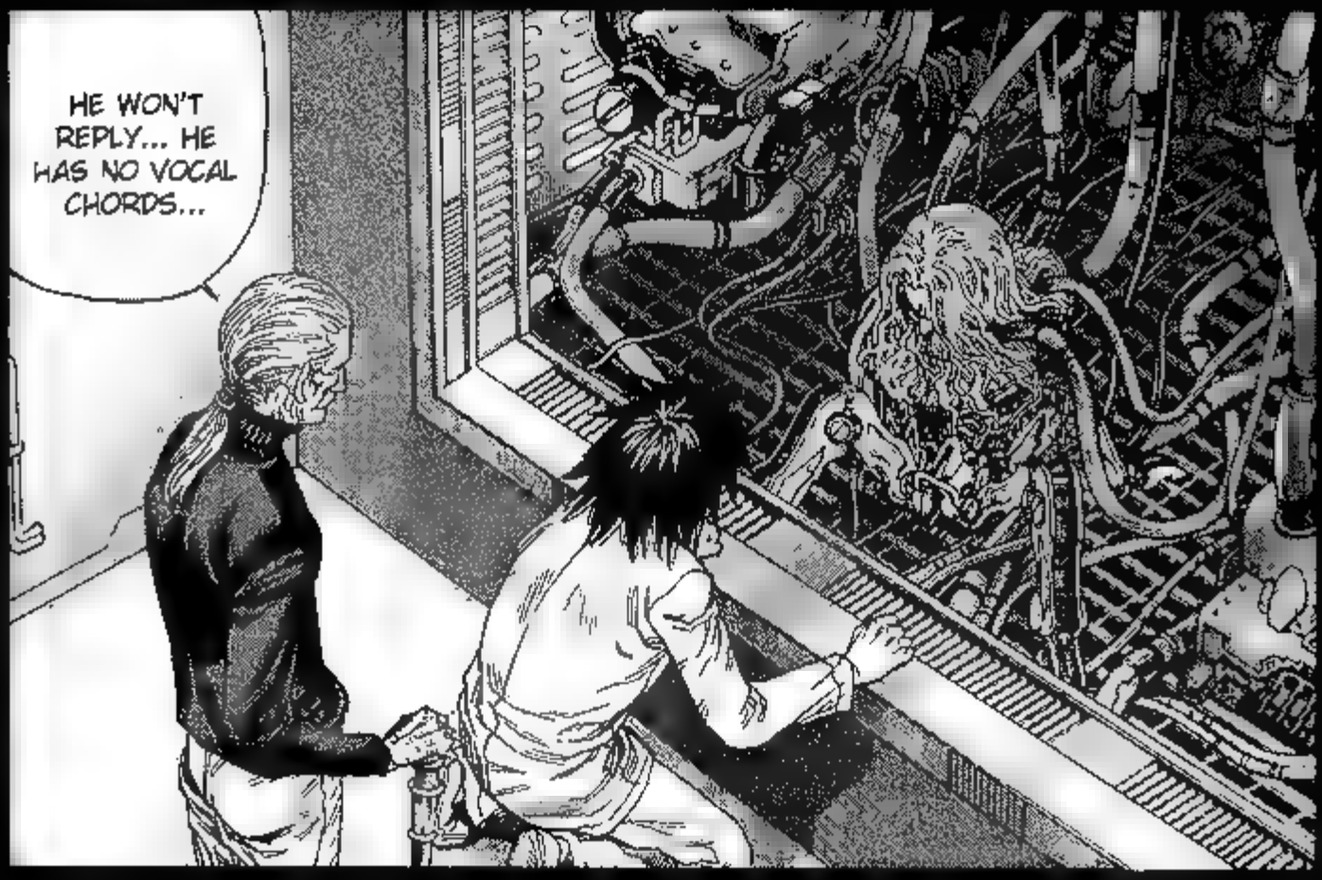
HE WON'T REPLY... HE HAS NO VOCAL CHORDS...

ANYWAY, YOU SHOULD KEEP TALKING TO HIM.
HIS RESPONSE WILL APPEAR ON THE MONITOR IN THE OTHER ROOM.

...SO FU-CKED UP
WHY . ARE YOU SHOW-ING ME SOME-THING

WHY ...

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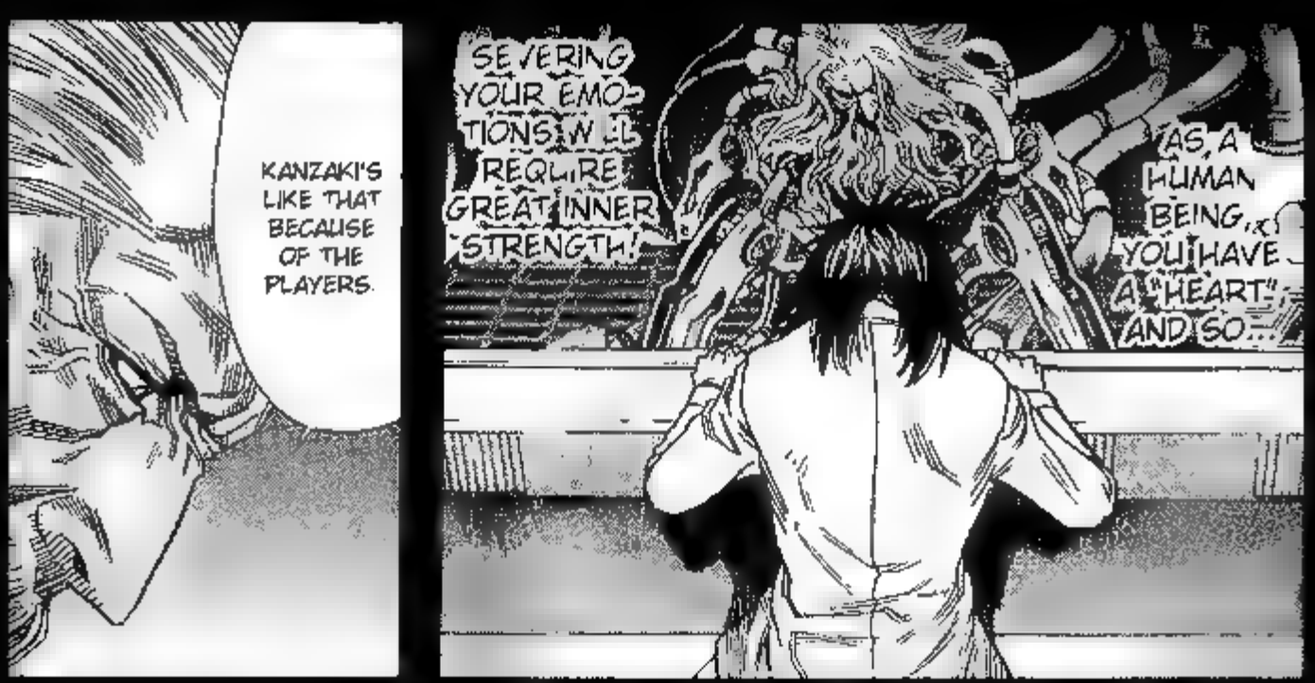
(THE SHATTERED FUTURE)

I PROMISE TO SEE THIS THROUGH WITH YOU TO THE END.
THIS IS THE TRUTH.
THE RAGE BOILING UP INSIDE IS PUSHING YOU TO KILL!! YOU WILL NEVER COPE WITH THE SOLITARY AND BRUTAL DAILY EXISTENCE AWAITING YOU IF THIS CAUSES YOU SUCH HEARTACHE

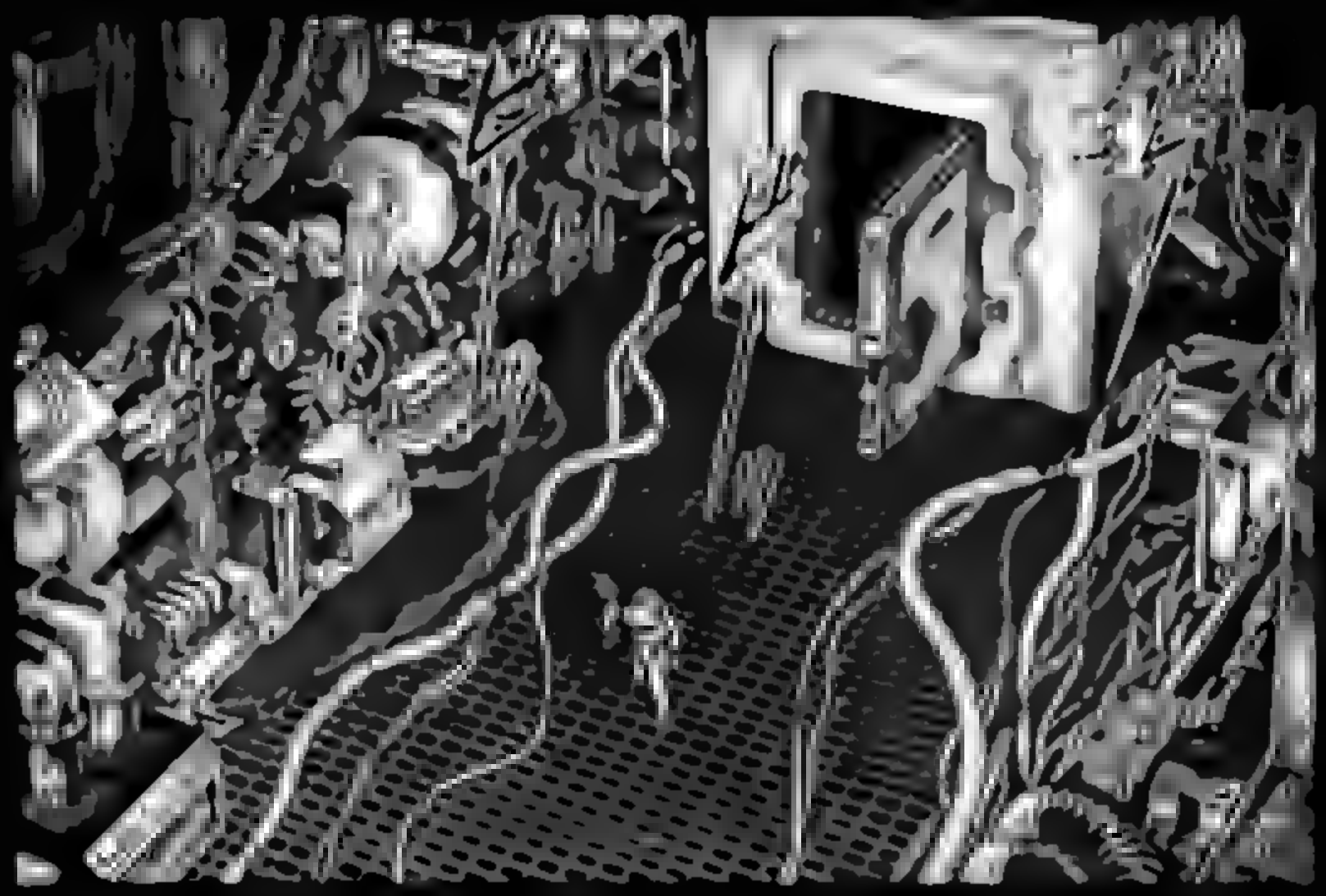

KANZAKI'S LIKE THAT BECAUSE OF THE PLAYERS.
SEVERING YOUR EMOTIONS WILL REQUIRE GREAT INNER STRENGTH!
AS A HUMAN BEING, YOU HAVE A "HEART" AND SO...

TALK TO HIM AND FIND OUT THE STEPS NEEDED TO AWAKEN ZET.
THERE'S NOTHING MORE TO WORRY ABOUT!
YOU WERE BORN TO DESTROY THEM

AAAAH! THAT IDIOT!

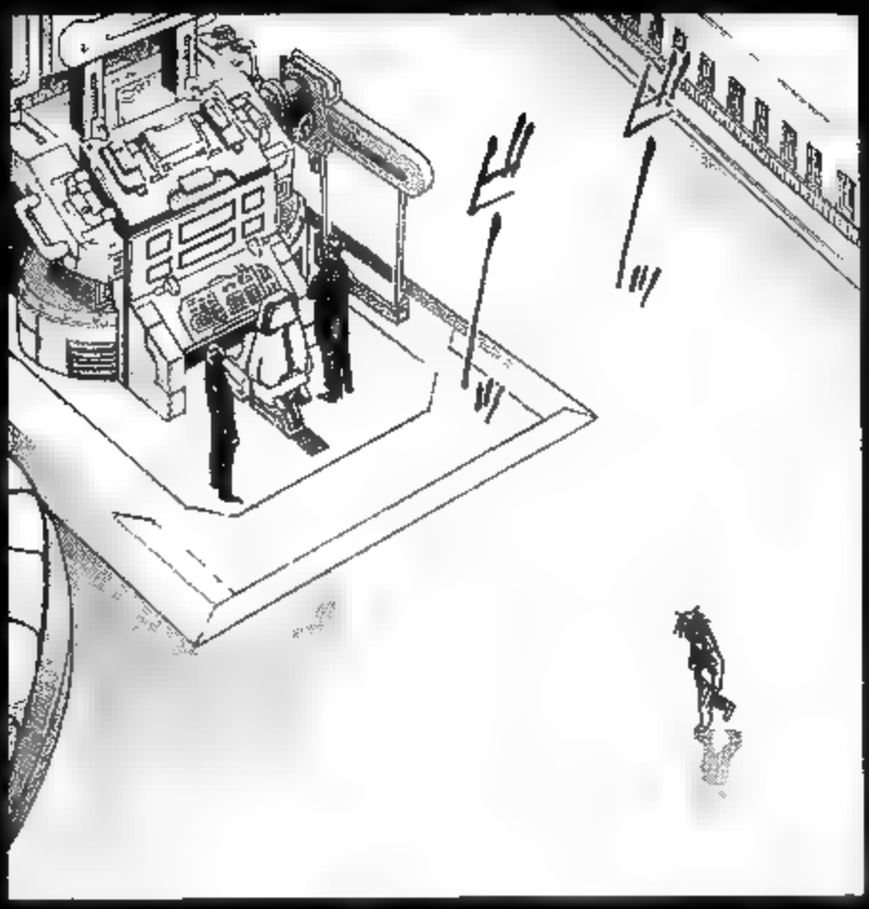
I'LL BECOME ZET...

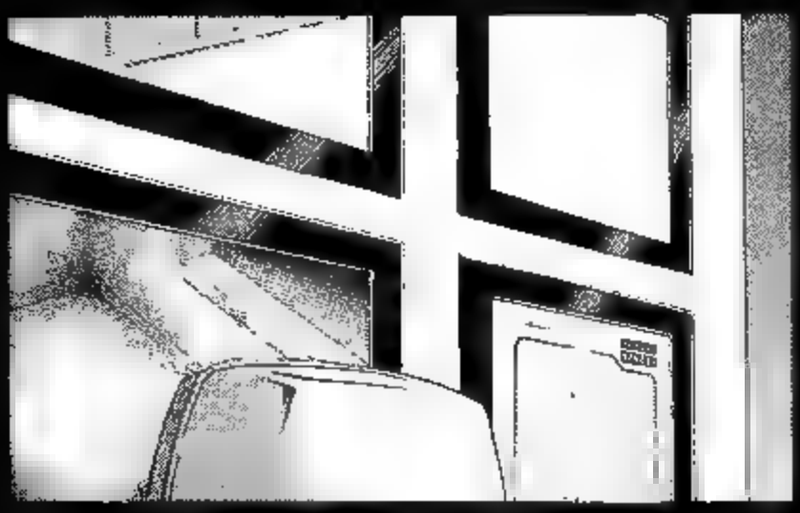
BUT YOU'LL FIND OUT HOW FOR YOUR-SELVES!
GRAND-PA LET HIM DIE
WHAT THE HELL DID YOU DO!?



WELL, YOUR CREATION
IS QUITE AMAZING
"JL HERE PROVES
AS MUCH IF A GENIUS
AS HIROHIMA

JIN.





IT'S FROM DR. KAN-ZAKI.

[KANZAKI]

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. . . Jin . . . . . .
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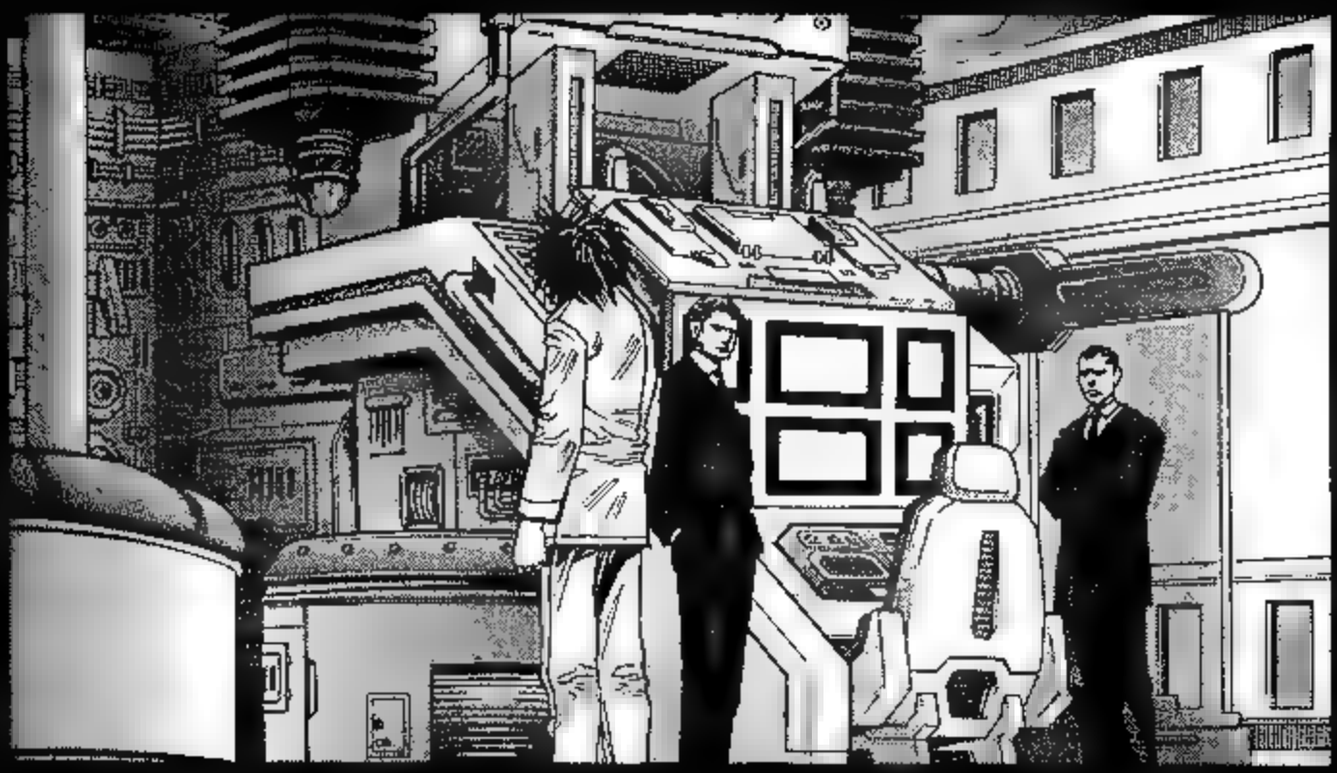
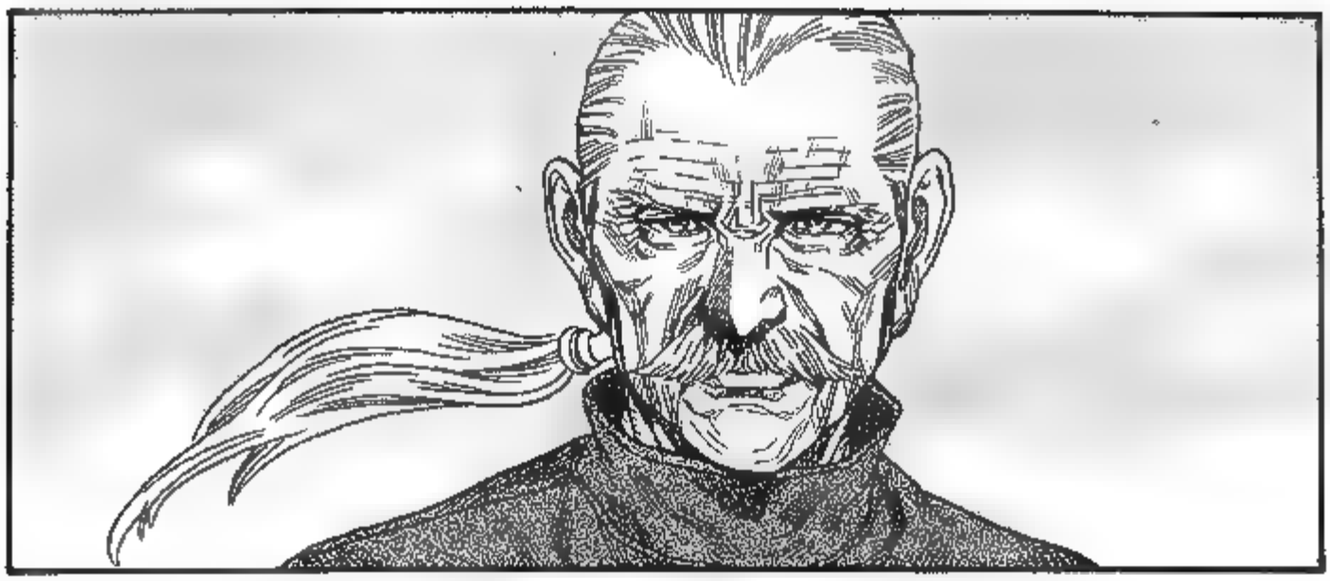




BEEN A WHILE SINCE I RODE THIS TOO.

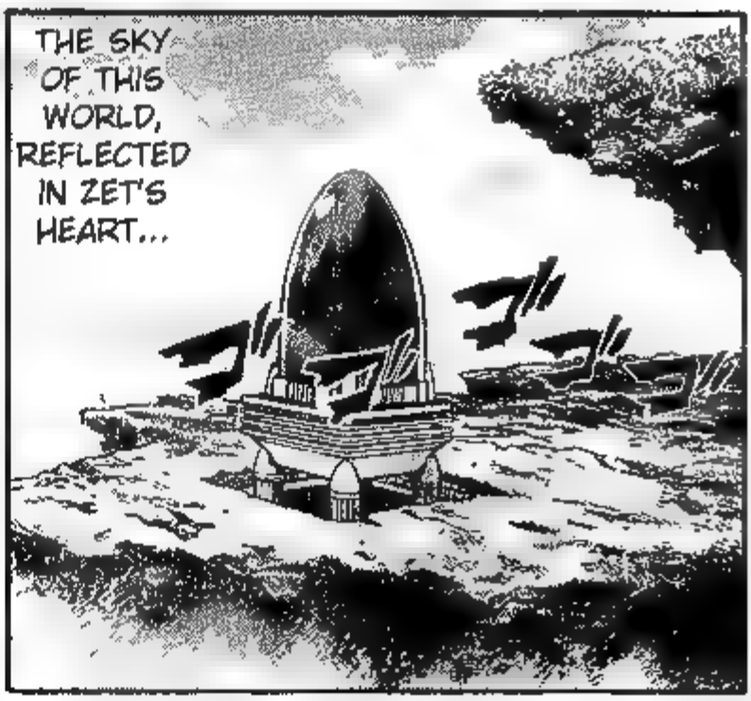
SMILE KANZAKI... I'M NOW HESITATING SLIGHTLY. YOUR FEELINGS WHEN YOU TOOK JIN AWAY... LATELY... I TOO...

THIS'LL PROBABLY BE THE LAST TIME I SEE A VIEW LIKE THIS.

ONCE I'M ZET, WHAT COLOUR WILL THE SKY LOOK?

BUT...
BLUE. YOUR SENSE OF SIGHT SHOULDN'T BE ANY DIFFERENT.

WILL THAT...


THE SKY OF THIS WORLD, REFLECTED IN ZET'S HEART...

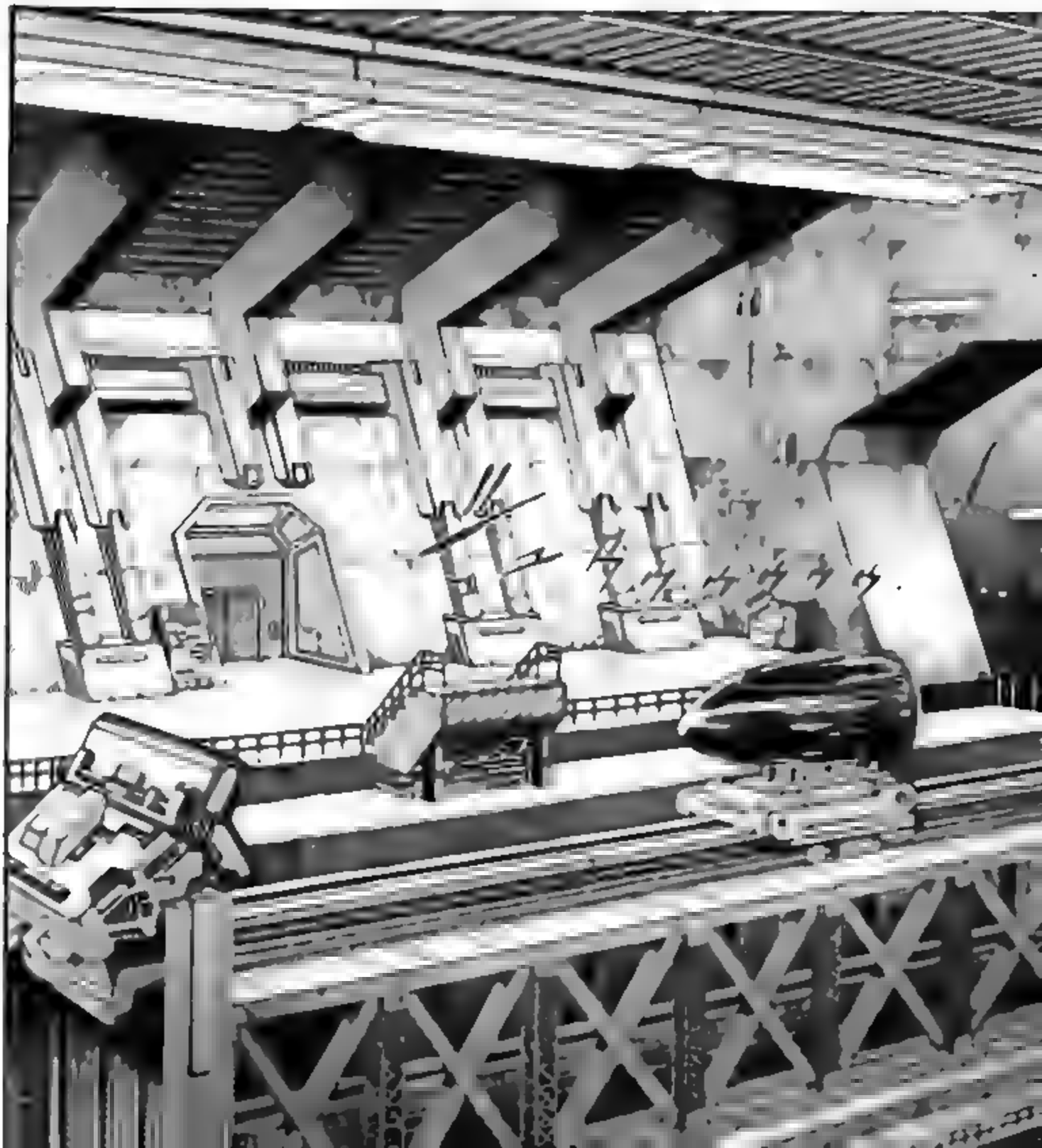
...STILL BE BLUE...

I'M ECSTATIC THAT MY DREAM WIL. BE COMING TRU.
SO THIS DAY HAS FINALLY COME

WONDER HOW I'L. CHANGE

I'VE FOR-GOT-TEN.
ANY-WAY, WHAT WAS YOUR DREAM AGAIN?
SAY WHAT ?
...IT WILL RETURN ONCE YOU'VE EXTER-MINATED THE PLAYERS.
PER-HAPS ...
...REMIND ME OF MY DREAM.
SO, QUICKLY ...

HUMPH.



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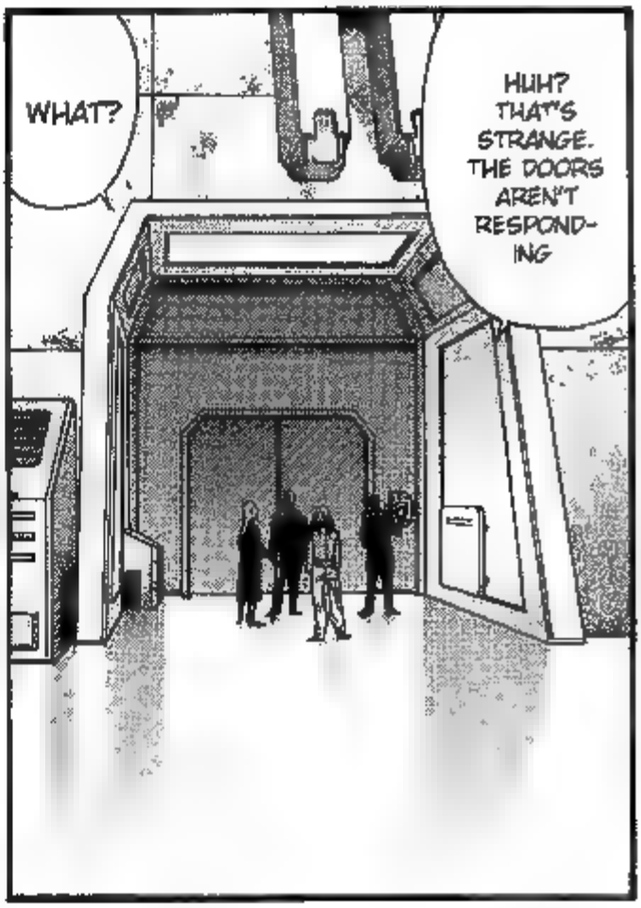
THERE'S NO ANSWER FROM DOCTORS KISHIMOTO OR SUGITA.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HUH? THAT'S STRANGE. THE DOORS AREN'T RESPOND-ING

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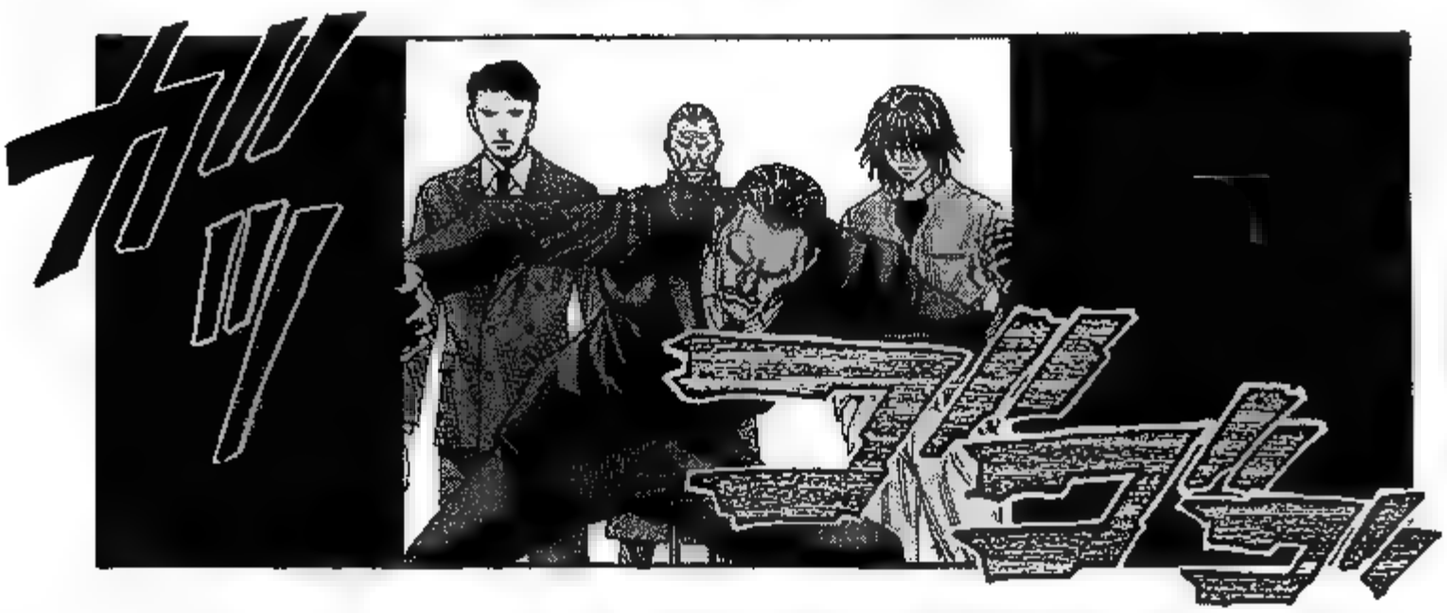
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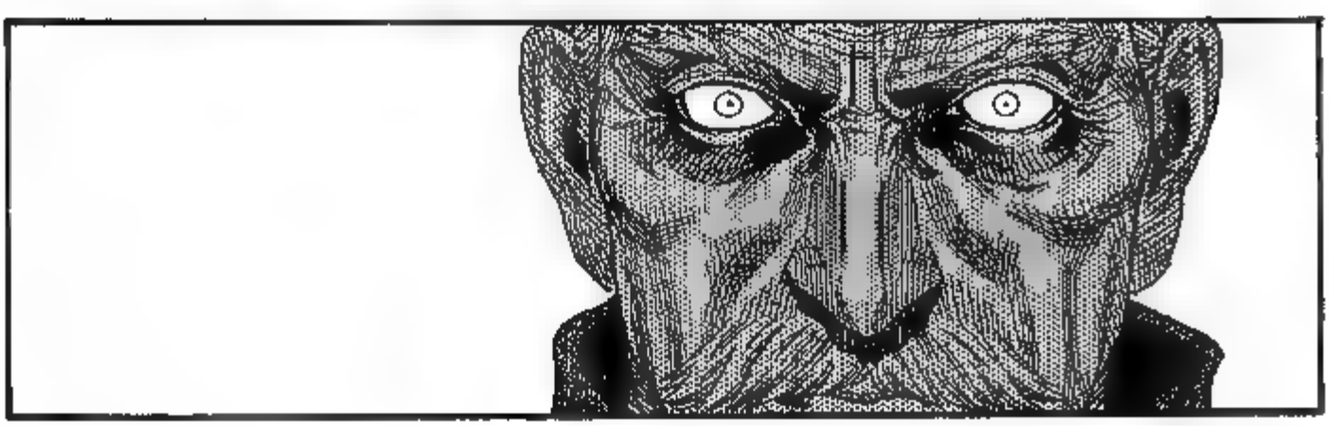

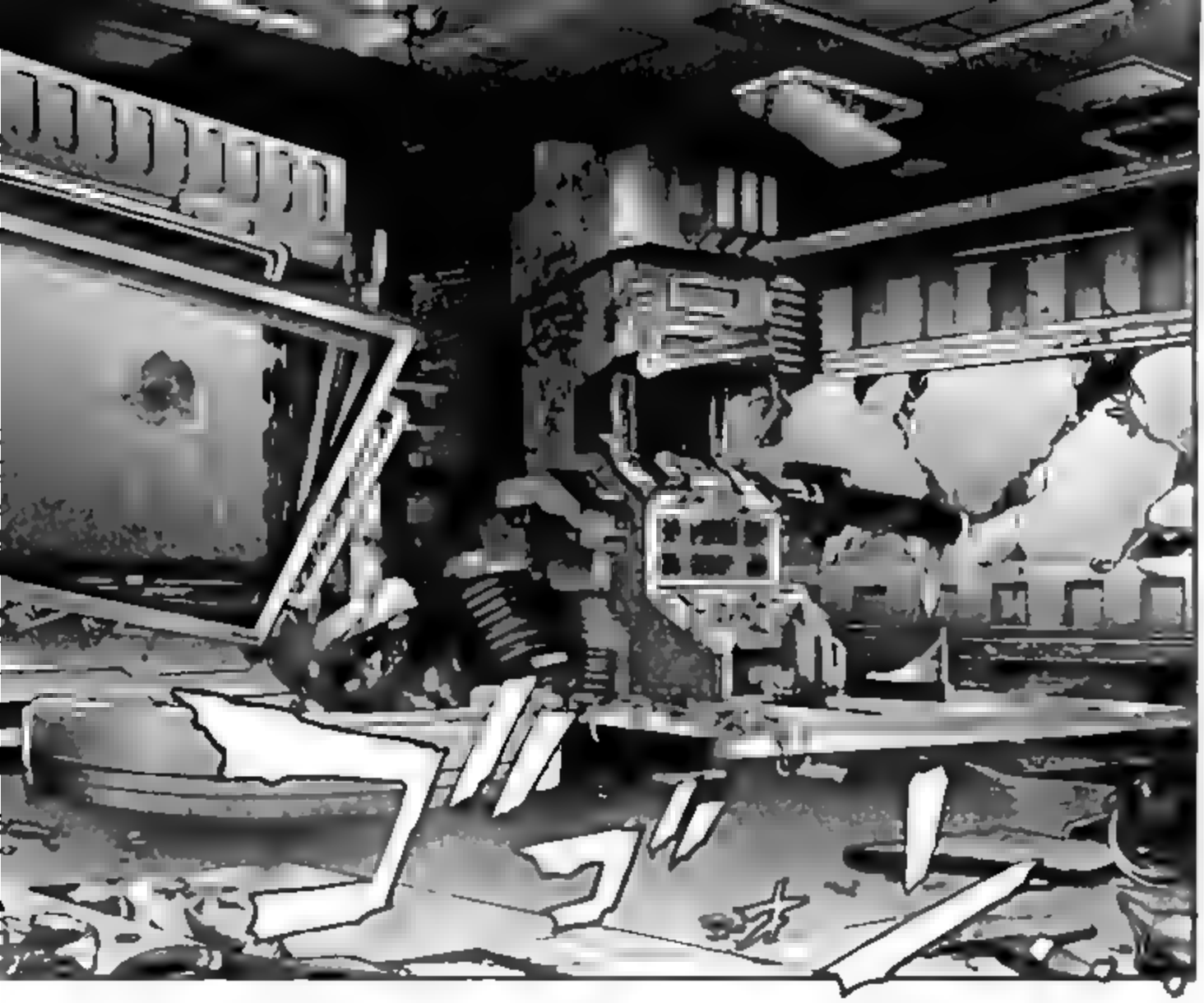

WHAT
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WHAT IS
THIS...

DR. SUGITA!
I'M OUT OF GUM.
SHIT.

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女のコにモテない少年・桃生純太が突然プレイボーイに大変身。その訳は…!?

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[SHADOW LADY] 全❸巻

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